

UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/9/62

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. EDGAR C. BUNDY, 422 North Prospect Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office on 10/24/62 and informed that he had certain information about a situation that existed at the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which he has discussed with Mr. ELMER HOFFMAN, the Illinois State Representative from Du Page County, Illinois. He stated he and Mr. HOFFMAN were of the opinion that the matter should be brought to the attention of the FBI, and, therefore, he was requesting that an Agent of the FBI contact him regarding this matter. BUNDY refused to discuss the matter on the telephone.

Mr. EDGAR C. BUNDY, 1407 Hill Street, Wheaton, Illinois, was contacted as a complainant at the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America, 422 North Prospect Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, on 10/25/62. Mr. BUNDY identified himself as the Executive Secretary of the above group and as the editor of the "News and Views" magazine, a monthly publication which is sponsored by said group. He said that one [REDACTED] for the Church League of America at the above address, has [REDACTED] he (BUNDY) had discussed with Mr. ELMER HOFFMAN, Illinois State Representative, and both decided the information should be brought to the attention of the FBI. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. BUNDY, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] Illinois. is employed as a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Illinois. [REDACTED] immediate supervisor

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[redacted] Most of the people, according [redacted] working on projects in [redacted] primarily Yugoslavia and India. [redacted] has commented that some of the Yugoslavian students [redacted] "apparently communists" and [redacted] they might have had in view of the fact that they are working at a facility which does carry on highly confidential work.

Furthermore, [redacted] and [redacted] could not identify, recently [redacted] pertaining to the sponsorship of one JEROME ZIEGLER, Democratic candidate for the 14th Congressional District, Du Page County, Illinois. [redacted] did not attend the above meeting and he [redacted] was [redacted]

[redacted] sponsorship. [redacted] pointed out [redacted] Illinois, and perhaps [redacted] added that [redacted]

At this point [redacted] *SUSPECTED OF*

[redacted] Mr. BUNDY. BUNDY said [redacted]

[redacted] an individual who has [redacted] BUNDY said that "The Worker," published by the Communist Party, recently listed ZIEGLER as the candidate they would support. He said that one [redacted] Bufile 100-338899), a "known communist," who is associated with the "Voters for Peace" (Bufile 100-439141), a "communist front group," also has come out in [redacted]

To clarify the above, [redacted] Illinois, was interviewed on 10/31/62 by SAs [redacted] and DUNCAN J. EVERETTE. [redacted] requested [redacted] identity be concealed. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] employees, are employed by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] therefore, they are not government employees.
It is to be further noted that [REDACTED] is not a government reserva-
tion although all property used on the site is government
property. [REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that the original complainant in this matter, EDGAR C. BUNDY, has recently publicly come out in support of Mr. ELMER HOFFMAN, the Republican candidate for the 14th Congressional District in Du Page County, Illinois, who is opposed by JEROME ZIEGLER, Democrat.

Inasmuch as investigation fails to reflect that a federal violation exists, no further investigation is contemplated in this matter. This information is being furnished to the Bureau for information in the event BUNDY or HOFFMAN would communicate with the Bureau in this matter.



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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Justice Department Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have on my desk a publication entitled TOGETHER/NEWS EDITION/Indiana Area, Volume 7, Number 1, January, 1963, with the titles Bishop, Richard C. Raines, and Editor, Robert L. Gildea, 527 E. 38th St., Indianapolis 5, Ind., which purports beginning on page A-3 to give an account of a Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana, involving nearly 2,000 Indiana Methodists under the leadership of Bishop Raines on the subject "Christianity Confronts Communism".

According to this publication the principle speakers were listed as: Dr. Douglas Jackson of the Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas; William C. Sullivan, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Frank R. Barnett, program director of the Institute for American Strategy, New York; Charles T. Vetter, Jr., training officer of the U. S. Information Agency; and Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, head of the Iowa Area and president of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church.

On page A-4 of this publication, the following account is given of Mr. Sullivan's appearance:

"He said communism's totalitarian methods and imperialism are the reason for fear, not its philosophy."

"Communism says man is what he eats, but we say man doesn't live by bread alone."

"Asked about the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, Mr. Sullivan said he could think of no reason why the two organizations should be considered "soft on communism."

"The National Council, he said, has repeatedly affirmed its opposition to the atheistic ideology of communism."

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"Of all professional groups, the clergy make up the most solid bloc of opposition to communism in this country."

The Church League of America does not propose to question the right to speak nor the statements of Messrs. Jackson, Barnett, Vetter and Ensley. Much could be said in regard to their qualifications for speaking on the subject and also their background in affiliation with certain organizations.

However, the Church League of America does emphatically question statements of Mr. William C. Sullivan, who was identified in the press and from the public platform as "assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," for his remarks and his presence at such a conference are interpreted by all who read these accounts as representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an official capacity before a non-governmental group.

First of all, we have in our files various letters from you over a period of years in which you state and restate, over and over again, that the FBI cannot make "evaluations of" or "recommendations on" individuals and organizations.

When did the Federal Bureau of Investigation authorize Mr. William C. Sullivan to appear before liberal church groups and lend prestige to those organizations, in the name of "the assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation", by white-washing organizations which have figured prominently in hearings conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and Senate Internal Security Committee of the United States Congress?

Is this a deliberate attempt on the part of Mr. William C. Sullivan to undermine the work of the Investigating Committees of the Congress which are under such vicious and violent attack by leading liberal clergymen all over this country today, many of whom have even taken leadership positions in demonstrations against the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

At no time have the Investigating Committees of the United States Congress ever given the National or World Council of Churches a clean bill of health in regard to their attitudes on Communism. Why is Mr. Sullivan in a position to do so?

You know, and I know, and everyone in the Anti-Communist field that every left-liberal religious and secular organization in the United States will use Mr. Sullivan's statements against everyone who has ever testified to communist influence penetrating the churches. Many leading Methodist clergymen and theologians have been involved in communist front activities over this country for a period of years. This is a matter of public record and a matter of sworn testimony before the Congressional Committees.

How can the Federal Bureau of Investigation lend the prestige of one of its men to a church organization which has in it men who have aided the communist cause for many decades, whether as a just plain "dupe", a frequent joiner of communist front organizations, or as "an identified member of the communist party"?

The Church League of America, since 1937, has made no idle charges or false accusations against any clergyman in this country. We have sought faithfully to document everything we have stated from the public platform

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and everything in writing from sworn testimony given to the Congressional Committees which have investigated communism. We realize that these committees deal in specifics, not in generalizations. We realize that the Federal Bureau of Investigation for years has maintained the attitude that it could not identify individuals and organizations in the manner that the Investigative Committees of the Congress can. We realize that you have spoken of communist penetration of religious groups only in general terms on the grounds that you could not expose a particular individual or organization outside of leaders of the Communist Party or the Party itself.

I would like to ask you if Mr. Sullivan and the Federal Bureau of Investigation now repudiate the following statements made by yourself?

- (1) " I would have no fears if more Americans possess the zeal, the fervor, the persistence and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hood-winked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism." - Page 11, MENACE OF COMMUNISM, statement of J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, March 26, 1947.

(Please note that we have not taken anything out of its context whatsoever. We have quoted the entire first half of that paragraph of page 11.)

- (2) "Many Communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body. It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Church leaders can stop this nefarious infiltration by taking vigorous action in the boards and commissions under church supervision. Individual ministers and church members can avoid being hood-winked if they will stay close to the fundamentals of their faith." - from the article entitled GOD OR CHAOS? by J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, appearing in the February 1949 issue of Redbook Magazine.
- (3) The following was a portion of your testimony given to the Sub-committee of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, Eighty-Seventh Congress, First Session, during the hearings for Departments of State and Justice, the Judiciary, and related agencies appropriations for 1962, given in March of 1961;

"They have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity: Youth groups; radio, television, and motion picture industries; church, school, educational and cultural groups; the press; nationality minority groups and civil and political units." (Underlining added by Church League of America for emphasis)

Further on, during your testimony before the House Committee, you were questioned by Congressman Elford Cederberg of Michigan, and you gave your answer as follows:

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"Mr. Director, I just wonder if you can give any explanation as to why so many organizations that are basically sound and dedicated to doing what is right - and I do not hesitate to name one of them, the National Council of Churches - why are some of the hierarchy of these organizations so naive to the threat posed by communism in this country?

Mr. Hoover. Mr. Congressman, I think that it is due to the fact that they have not fully informed themselves as to what the facts are. Many people have the idea that communism is not a serious threat because the movement is numerically small in this country. Its numerical strength is one thing but we must judge it by its fanatical, dedicated, and disciplined membership. Most non-Communists are not disciplined, fanatical believers in the theory and practice of American democracy as are the Communists in communism. That is the reason why some of these people err in their thinking.

"Such erroneous thinking often results in a great deal of harm, particularly in many organizations where the practice of having the rank-and-file elect delegates to represent them at conventions without exhibiting a sufficient degree of alertness and interest to determine the beliefs of their chosen representatives. As a result these representatives commit large groups of the rank-and-file to a course of action which in reality is contrary to their true feeling and belief. As I pointed out previously in my testimony, apathy also plays a strong part in creating a prevailing atmosphere of indifference to this threat. (Discussion off the record.)"

Again, you have put the anti-communist in a position of dealing in generalities when they quote the first portion of this testimony which we have quoted here. You can state that the communists, fellow-travelers, etc., "have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity" and name "church" as a general category, but you are not permitted to give us the names of any of these churches, churchmen, etc. On the other hand, Mr. Sullivan can get out on the public platform, before left-liberal groups which have consistently attacked the investigative committees of the congress, have consistently attacked all anti-communists who are not of the lunatic fringe, but use only government documentation, and give the public an impression that there has been no communist infiltration of religious groups and that the National and World Councils of Churches are lily-white!

This is a dangerous sort of propaganda for a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be spreading over this country in the light of the facts available on the actual actions of the National and the World Councils of Churches. We have every one of their publications here in our headquarters, such as the Fifth World Order Study Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, where they called for the recognition of Red China, and the seating of her in the United Nations; the

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record of the man who consistently over a period of years has spoken out against the church being anti-communist, and defending fellow-travelers, etc., John C. Bennett, who wrote the resolutions adopted at Cleveland and whose book CHRISTIANITY AND COMMUNISM TODAY is recommended reading at this same seminar held in Indianapolis!

Are we to set aside the testimony of Herbert A. Philbrick, John and Martha Edmiston, Matt Cvetic, Julia Brown, Paul Crouch, Petr Deriabin, Nikolai Kholov, Louis Budenz, Vladimir Petrov, Joseph Zack Kornfeder, Manning Johnson, Leonard Patterson, Benjamin Gitlow, and a host of others who have gone under oath before various State and Federal government committees, subjected themselves to the law against perjury, and have read into the record the names of hundreds of prominent clergymen in this country who have served the communist cause?

Mr. Sullivan's tactics are spreading nothing but confusion in this country and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is certainly laying itself wide open to criticism on the part of millions of patriotic American church members who want no truck with the National and World Councils of Churches whatsoever.

Perhaps it is time that the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives and the Sub-committee on Internal Security of the United States Senate hold full scale hearings and decide, once and for all, whose testimony is to be believed, and this under oath!

Why did you reply as you did to the direct question of Elford Cederberg in your testimony of 1961 before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee? He asked you concerning church organizations and was specific when he mentioned the National Council of Churches.

Your reply is certainly in keeping with the policies and procedures of this Council of Churches and anyone who has followed their policies and procedures over a period of decades, such as we have in this headquarters, can see that you are describing them accurately. But, you are off the hook because you have not named them in your reply although your reply follows the direct question from Mr. Cederberg concerning this particular organization. Furthermore, we, American church people and tax payers, do not have the privilege of having a copy of your remarks that were made in the "Discussion off the record."

Can Mr. Sullivan or anyone else in the Federal Bureau of Investigation go on record under oath as repudiating the hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives entitled "Issues Presented by Air Reserve Center Training Manual", held in Washington, D.C. on February 25, 1960? Does Mr. Sullivan or anyone else in the Federal Bureau of Investigation want to go under oath before this same committee and repudiate the statement of the Chief Counsel of the Committee at that time, Mr. Richard Arens, now with the United States Court of Appeals, who

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stated on page 1303 as follows:

"May I first, Mr. Chairman, in view of the Secretary's repudiation of the information conveyed respecting the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Chairman issued a statement to the effect that the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America had hundreds or at least over 100 affiliations with Communist fronts and causes. Since then we have made careful, but yet incomplete checks and it is a complete understatement. Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist front records or records of service to the Communist cause. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers and churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement."

On page 1299 of this same hearing, Mr. Arens asked the Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Dudley Sharpe, at that time:

"If the facts had been developed by investigators who had checked the records of the Committee on Un-American Activities and other authoritative sources, and if the facts did reveal that a very substantial number of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. had Communist-front records and were infiltrating in churches and educational institutions, would you nevertheless have repudiated the statements in the manual?"

Secretary Sharpe then replied:

"I think I would; yes, sir, because I don't believe that this is a controversy in which the Air Force ought to indulge. I think this kind of a controversy is the prerogative of this committee and other activities in the United States, but not of the Air Force."

Here Mr. Sharpe acknowledges that the naming of names of people and organizations engaged in pro-communist activities is not a part of the Air Force mission.

My question now is: Is it the latest mission of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to allow one of its men, William C. Sullivan, to go out on the public platform before controversial groups, and do a white-wash job on organizations such as the National Council of Churches which has been infiltrated over a period of years with notorious front-joiners, writers of resolutions favoring Communist causes, and with men who have attacked the Investigative Committees of the Congress, our anti-communist policies, and organization which dares to bring this evidence out to the

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Is Mr. Sullivan prepared to go under-oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and repudiate that portion of the annual report for the year 1960 of the same committee which states in Chapter II, beginning on page 37 as follows:

"The chairman noted that sworn testimony from religious leaders who have escaped from Communist regimes, amply demonstrates the intensity of the warfare which communism is waging against the churches. In addition, several undercover operatives of the FBI who had served in the Communist Party had testified that members of the party have penetrated church groups under party directives. Their testimony has also shown that certain persons holding memberships in the Communist Party have also professed to be ministers of the gospel.

As an appendix to his remarks, the chairman inserted into the record excerpts from representative testimony on these matters.

He also pointed out that the record reveals that Communists have duped some members of the clergy as well as lay leaders of the churches, into supporting Communist fronts and causes which masquerade behind deceitful facades of humanitarianism and that, although these persons were not necessarily consciously supporting Communist enterprises, the net result was that for all practical purposes, the same.

Secretary Sharpe told the Committee that in his statement regarding withdrawal of the manual he had never intended a repudiation of the integrity, validity or accuracy of any of the testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities which was quoted in the manual."

The National Council of Churches not only sought to repudiate what was in the manual, but demanded its withdrawal, refused to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities under oath, and has been putting out lying, scurrilous material against this committee and its hearings.

How, in the name of Heaven, can you permit Mr. Sullivan to go out and make the statements that he is making before these left-liberal groups which, themselves, have been involved in this whole nasty business of attempting to discredit the Investigative Committees of the Congress and your own under-cover operatives who have brought these facts concerning Communist penetration of religious groups into the open?

Is Mr. Sullivan or anyone else in the FBI prepared to go under oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the same committee which Dr. J. B. Matthews, one of the greatest living scholars today, was the research director for, in addition to being consultant to the whole Hearst newspaper empire and eleven state legislatures, and repudiate what Dr. Matthew's has said openly and in writing concerning Communist penetration of religious groups, and especially the National Council of Churches? Here is a portion of Dr. Matthew's various statements, this one delivered on March 22, 1958 in Collingswood, New Jersey:

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"In that much discussed American Mercury article, I wrote:

"Some seven thousand Protestant clergymen have been drawn during the past seventeen years into the network of the Kremlin's conspiracy."

Actually, my card file contains the names of 8,673 such clergymen, the greater number of whom naturally belong in the category of unwitting dupes of the Communist front apparatus. The comparable number of rabbis is 353, which is approximately 14% of the total number of rabbis in the United States.

While I am on the subject of figures, I will say that 2,131 of the 8,673 clergymen were Methodist; 1,439 were Protestant Episcopal; and 626 were Presbyterian U.S.A."

In the light of Dr. Matthew's revelation of the fact that 2,131 Methodists have aided the Communist cause in this country, whether as dupes, or otherwise, how can Mr. Sullivan use the prestige of the FBI to go on a Methodist platform and do the white-wash job he did in Indianapolis?

Dr. Matthew's stated in this same speech further:

"Unfortunately, there are those who think that Communism is not a threat until the stage of street fighting has started and the over-throw of government by infiltration or violence is imminent. The propaganda or pre-violence stages of the Communist revolution are equally important in the conspiratorial strategy, and are preparatory to the conquest of power.

In estimating the extent of the Communist penetration of the Protestant churches, we must take into account the organizational affiliations of clergymen on the one hand and their ideological infection on the other. One ecclesiastic may have a score of Communist-front affiliations without having become the carrier of ideological infection in the slightest degree. Another may be in an advanced stage of Marxist malignancy without ever having allowed his name to appear on the letterheads, petitions, and manifestoes of the Communist-front apparatus. Many clergymen, of course, act as frontiers for the Communist conspiracy, and also accept the postulates of the conspiracy."

Is Mr. Sullivan prepared to go under oath before the House Committee and repudiate Dr. Matthew's statement? Dr. Matthew's has made it known that he is willing to submit himself under oath before any Congressional Committee at any time.

Herbert A. Philbrick, who was an undercover operative for your own Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years stated in his article entitled "The Communists Are After Your Church!" which appeared in the Christian Herald Magazine published by the distinguished Dr. Daniel A. Poling:

"The publicly available record of support elicited by the comrades among church leaders is appalling. Virtually no

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Communist and communist-front activities take place today without ministerial and church support, sponsorship or participation."

Mr. Philbrick then went into considerable detail in regard to his contacts with prominent ministers who were also serving the communist cause.

Former Congressman Donald L. Jackson, a distinguished member of the House of Representatives for many years and also a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities committee, made a major speech in the House of Representatives, following the Air Force Manual controversy, in which he detailed and documented voluminous material concerning the pro-communist activities of many leaders in the National Council of Churches.

We have reproduced tens of thousands of copies of this speech by Congressman Jackson and sent them throughout the country.

Is Mr. Sullivan prepared to go under oath before the same committee of which Congressman Jackson was a member and deny that Congressman Jackson's statements were true?

In the so-called "Recommended Reading" list which this same Methodist newspaper, the head of which is Bishop Richard C. Raines, there is not a single recommendation of any publication of any Federal Government Committee or State Government Committee which has held investigations and hearings in this country on the subject of COMMUNISM!

Rather the works of a lot of anti-anti-communists appear in with your book plus the works of some men who have actually aided the communist cause in this country.

It appears, on the basis of reports coming in from all over this country to our headquarters, from ministers and leading laymen alike, that it would be far better for Mr. Sullivan to stick strictly to the standing operating procedure of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which, prior to his speech in Cincinnati two years ago, was followed by all members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Actually, Mr. Sullivan's appearance over this country is raising questions in the minds of many people who have consistently defended the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover, against the scandalous attacks which have been made openly on the Bureau and its director, by name, by such individuals as Jack Levine, W. H. "Ping" Ferry, Vice-President of the Fund for the Republic and by notorious self-styled "liberal" and left-wing magazines over this nation.

If the Federal Bureau of Investigation wants to maintain the confidence of patriotic Americans throughout this country, it had better call a halt to the type of activity in which Mr. Sullivan engaged in Indianapolis, St. Petersburg, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois and other places where his remarks were anything but in keeping with the sworn testimony given to the Committees of the Congress of the United States.

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cc: Hon. Francis E. Walter
Hon. Gordon Scherer
Hon. August Johansen
Hon. Donald L. Jackson
Hon. Frank T. Bow
Hon. Glenard P. Lipscomb
Hon. Elford A. Cederberg

Very truly yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

cc: Fulton Lewis, Jr.
Dr. J. B. Matthews
Dr. Carl McIntire

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February 6, 1963

Mrs. Philip G. MacMillan
President
McVile Civic and Study Club
McVile, North Dakota

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

Your letter of February 1st has been received and it is always encouraging to hear from individuals who are aware of the menace communism poses to our freedoms and who desire to combat this evil.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. In view of the foregoing, I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment in the manner you have indicated.

Enclosed is literature, some of which includes suggestions of all of us can use in fighting this evil conspiracy. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. These books should be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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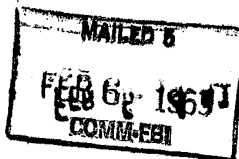
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It
The Communist Party Line
An American's Challenge, 10-9-62

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent or this organization. The Church League of America and its General Chairman, Edgar C. Bundy, are well known to the Bureau.

McVille, N. Dak.
Feb. 1, .963

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Our woman's club, which is a Federated club, is studying communism. We are basing our studies on a manual entitled "A Manual for Survival", compiled and published by The Church League of America of Wheaton, Illinois.

This paragraph starts chapter 6:

"June 17, 1957, has come to be known as Red Monday by both lawyers and anti-Communists. Dorothy Healey Connolly, a leading California Communist rejoiced by announcing "This is the greatest victory the Communist Party ever had." On that day Chief Justice Warren with Justices Frankfurter, Douglas, Black, Harlan, and Brennan handed down four decisions which in effect told the Communists "Go ahead boys, you have nothing to worry about." David Lawrence, publisher of U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT and an eminent journalist called the Supreme Court's four decisions "Treason's Greatest Victory".

The chapter went on to tell of the cases tried in U.S. courts against Communists, in which they were found guilty, but when these same cases were brought to the Supreme Court the decisions were reversed and the Communists were set free. You can imagine that by now we are quite bewildered.

Would you kindly give us your opinion of this manual we are studying? We would also appreciate your suggestions as to what source we should use for our study.

Thank you.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Philip G. MacMillan
McVille Civic & Study Club
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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 3/14/63

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: EDGAR BUNDY

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You will recall that Bundy is the unscrupulous individual who runs the Church League of America in Wheaton, Illinois, and who made false charges concerning Assistant Director Sullivan regarding communists in the clergy. You will also recall that we ascertained that Bundy was selling pamphlets put out by the Director and printed by the Government Printing Office, such as "Expose of Soviet Espionage," at a profit. We had our Chicago Office contact him regarding this particular matter.

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This afternoon, 3/14/63, Bundy called SA Hanning in my office. Bundy is well known to both myself and Hanning as we met him some years ago in connection with American Legion work. Bundy in his call to Hanning wanted to know if we had "scratched him off our list." Hanning told him frankly that we had. In answer to his question as to why, Hanning advised him he should know the reason. Bundy immediately brought up the Sullivan episode and wanted to go into detail concerning it. Hanning told him he did not care to rehash the problem but our feelings had not changed toward him. Bundy assured Hanning that he was still pro-Bureau and defended it at every opportunity.

Bundy advised that he is in town to speak tonight at Constitution Hall at a rally protesting the Russian clergymen who are touring the United States. He stated also on the program will be an individual, one Varanoff (ph). According to Bundy, Varanoff will have a sensational story to tell to the effect that one of the touring Russian clergy, one Miskovich (ph), has been in frequent touch with Varanoff and wants to defect but is afraid of reprisals on his family back in Russia. Miskovich has allegedly told Varanoff all the details of the Kremlin's briefing prior to coming to this country. According to Bundy, Varanoff is going to air this whole story tonight.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for any possible action. Inspector Moore of that Division has already been telephonically notified of the above details.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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gm Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 9, 1963

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS-412*

1-Mr. Belmont
 1-Mr. Sullivan
 1-Mr. Mohr
 1-Mr. DeLoach
 1-Mr. D. E. Moore
 1-Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL WILLIAM C. MOTT

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Over the weekend, Admiral Mott called me to say that along with Mr. Morris Leibman, he was participating in a television program Sunday night in Chicago. The purpose of the program was to emphasize the need for teaching about communism in our schools and Admiral Mott said that he was going to push very hard the Director's book, A Study of Communism. In fact, he said he would have a copy with him from which to quote.

I asked Admiral Mott who else would participate in the program and he said a veteran of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, whose name he did not have, and a man by the name of Edgar Bundy. I asked Admiral Mott if he knew who Bundy was. He said he did not. I suggested that he find out from his naval sources. This he did and he called me back and was quite disturbed to learn about the nefarious activities of Bundy, stating that in the light of what he learned from the sources of the armed services, Bundy must be a real "nut." As Admiral Mott is a most reliable person, I gave him a few basic facts concerning Bundy and his questionable operations.

On returning from Chicago yesterday, Admiral Mott called me and said that this man Bundy was far more shifty and far more of a disreputable character than he had realized from the information that had been furnished him. Admiral Mott said it was a shame the way Bundy went overboard identifying himself with J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI at every opportunity. It was clear to Admiral Mott that this man left no stone unturned in order to exploit the FBI through identification of himself with it and with all the views of the Director. I told Admiral Mott that this man has been pursuing this tactic for sometime around the country. Admiral Mott said he received the impression that this man, though having a disreputable character, is very clever and shifty in speaking and is likely to fool a number of people.

Admiral Mott said that he was able to emphasize fully the importance of the Director's book and also the need to teach about communism in our schools.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Admiral William C. Mott

I told Special Agent in Charge Johnson of our Chicago Office, if it was possible, to secure a tape of this television program.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

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GRC DD

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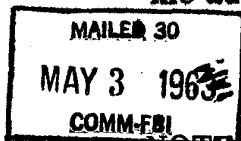
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Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Executive Vice President
Schenley Industries, Inc.
1290 Avenue of the Americas
Rockefeller Center
New York 19, New York

Dear Nick:

I appreciate very much your letter of April 30, 1963, concerning statements attacking me and other members of the Bureau. These charges, needless to say, are completely false. The kind of attack typified by them can only do great harm to the efforts of those who are countering the menace of communism with fact, objectivity, and reason.

Thank you for your interest in keeping me advised in this matter.



Sincerely,
JEB

NOTE: Mr. Nichols' letter of 4/30/63 enclosed letter of 4/15/63 signed by Edgar C. Bundy, Church League of America official and a professed anticommunist, who claimed that a drive is on to use the American Bar Association (ABA) to attack anticommunists under the guise of fighting communism. Bundy's letter attacks Admiral William C. Mott and Mr. Morris I. Leibman of the Standing Committee on Education against Communism of the ABA for statements re FBI work in the anticommunism field. An analysis is being made of this matter involving Bundy and a detailed memorandum will be prepared concerning him and the charges he has made.

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LOUIS B. NICHOLS
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Miss Gandy	✓

April 30, 1963

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been forwarded - on a confidential basis - a letter dated April 15, 1963, signed by Mr. Edgar C. Bundy, Executive Secretary of the Church League of America.

In the letter he calls for coordinated conferences and he makes two points; one that the American Bar Association is being used to attack Anti-Communism, and secondly he quotes Mr. Leibman and Admiral Mott. Both of his quotations are wrong, neither made those statements. I have learned that Admiral Mott was in touch with Bill Sullivan and a tape was made prior to the TV presentation in Chicago. Bundy then takes out after the Bureau and flatly says that the Bureau personnel are being used to give a clean bill of health to organizations who have constantly supported left-wing causes.

I intend to take Bundy on; first as to the references he made regarding the ABA Committee Against Communism, and secondly about his remarks against the Bureau. I have talked to Bill Sullivan and he tells me that Bundy has been making wild charges against him which, of course, I don't believe.

With every good wish.

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Sincerely,

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LBN (Louis B. Nichols)

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Co-ordinating Conference

TO: Dean Clarence Mapion, St. Joseph Bank Building, South Bend, Indiana; Honorable Robert Morris, The Defenders of American Liberties, Room 2001, Adolphus Tower, Dallas 2, Texas; Mr. E. Merrill Root, Rural Route #1, Thompson, Connecticut; Mr. J. Fred Schlafly, Jr., Fairmount, Alton, Illinois; Mr. Rogers Follansbee, 1123 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois; Mr. W. Hume Everett, P. O. Box 636, Casper, Wyoming; Mr. Ira E. Westbrook, 10 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Henry S. Jones, National Defense Chairman, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 "D" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; Mr. Rudy Scott, America's Future, 542 Main Street, New Rochelle, New York.

Dear Fellow Americans:

This letter is the result of an extended conference held between Attorney Ira E. Westbrook, Mr. Rogers Follansbee and myself in Mr. Westbrook's office on Wednesday, April 10, 1963.

There is a steadily mounting and concentrated drive against conservatives and patriots in our nation. One of the latest and most vicious attacks is contained in a book entitled THE CENSORS AND THE SCHOOLS, which is being given wide-spread distribution, and is even being carried in serial form in a number of liberal newspapers. The writers of this book have gone to unheard of lengths to attack Professor E. Merrill Root and have actually engaged in lies, libel and slander. They have also attacked the Daughters of the American Revolution, America's Future and many others who have exposed the infiltration of collectivist propaganda into textbooks.

A drive is now on to use the American Bar Association to attack anti-communists under the guise of fighting communism. This started with the dissolving of the excellent American Bar Association Committee on Communist Strategy and Tactics and the supplanting of it with a committee known as the Standing Committee on Education Against Communism, which is controlled wholly by liberals. I had the dubious privilege of appearing on a 3-hour television marathon here in Chicago on Saturday evening, April 6, CBS Television station

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attacks are made and plots are made against anti-communists, that time is now.

Therefore, we desire to hold such a top-level conference with only the above named individuals participating as soon as possible. I would like to suggest one day in the first two weeks of May, 1963.

I realize that many of you are very busy and that you probably have schedules which have been made in advance, but if you will be so kind as to let me know what dates from May 1 through May 15 you could come to Chicago, then we could pick a date on which all could come. Please list, in your order of preference, those dates which you have open during this period and let us know as fast as possible.

We are making available the beautiful Board of Directors room of the new national headquarters of the Church League of America which is just 25 miles from the loop of Chicago, and easily accessible by both car and train. The commuters trains leave every few minutes from downtown Chicago.

If you have other subjects which you believe should be included on the agenda, in addition to those already mentioned above, please feel free to include them in your reply.

We will appreciate a prompt reply.

Most sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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If you agree, we will informally
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 may be available concerning Bundy's
 homosexual activities, and see if
 there is a basis for exposing him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 6, 1963

FROM : R. W. Smith

SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
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SYNOPSIS

Former Assistant Director L. B. Nichols furnished us letter Bundy distributed recently attacking American Bar Association and containing critical remarks about FBI. Nichols intends to take Bundy on to refute charges.

Issue of interest to us because Bundy alleged that ABA members Admiral Mott and Morris Leibman appeared with Bundy on TV show recently and criticized FBI. Bundy also alleged FBI personnel being used by Administration to attack anticommunists.

We reviewed 78-page transcript of TV show. Bundy lied outright. Contrary to his claims, both Mott and Leibman supported (1) the FBI, (2) the Director's authoritative position on communism, (3) the view that communism is a grave threat, (4) the need to teach people, particularly students, about its strategy and tactics, and (5) use of the Director's book "A Study of Communism" for this purpose.

Bundy's latest tactics are consistent with his past activities. He consistently attempts to divide and destroy while ostensibly defending. He is a charlatan who feeds like a parasite off of respectable people and organizations by skillfully creating the false impression that they sanction or endorse his activities.

Bundy's false impressions through the years have led to (1) warning by us to cease and desist efforts to trade off our reputation, (2) warning by Air Force to cease creating impression he is still an officer in active status having access to intelligence information, and (3) dismissal in 1957 from all posts by American Legion whose officials regarded him as a troublemaker.

1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memo Smith to Sullivan
Re: EDGAR C. BUNDY

Bundy's hypocrisy as ostensible defender of FBI is revealed by his basic enmity through the years, particularly by his efforts in past two years attacking Director and other Bureau officials for allegedly soft stand on communism in regard to communist efforts to infiltrate the churches.

Bundy is clearly an evil force with a complex to destroy. For years, he has been engaged in an ostensibly patriotic crusade which actually constitutes a monstrous effort to destroy the members of his own profession--the clergy. The damage this man has done in the cities and townsthroughout our country by his self-serving activities constitute a spike driven into the heart of this Nation.

Most disgusting of all is true nature of this pious hypocrite. He brags about being an ordained minister. He poses as a paragon of virtue for youth. He parades as a patriot.

The disgusting truth is that Bundy is a sexual pervert. He has been for years and is the worst kind in that he particularly favors satisfying his perverted desires with young boys.

Bundy's perverted sexual activities reportedly are well known to hundreds of ministers across the country. In fact, one minister maintains a comprehensive file containing information about Bundy's homosexual activities and has advised that when confronted with evidence about this activity Bundy readily confessed but begged forgiveness.

We must be continually alert to and on our guard against the activities of Bundy. This despicably evil and hate-consumed individual has demonstrated a burning desire to destroy anyone or anything that stands in his way. Today, he is seeking to undermine us indirectly. In the future, we can expect more direct and intensified attacks from him.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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DETAILS

Predication

By letter dated 4/30/63 former Assistant Director Louis B. Nichols forwarded to us a copy of a letter distributed recently by Edgar C. Bundy, official of the Church League of America and a professed anticommunist who makes a living at it.

Bundy's letter was directed to a group noted for its anticommunist endeavors and called for a "co-ordinating conference" of these individuals. Bundy said the conference was needed to discuss a drive which allegedly is underway by the American Bar Association (ABA) to attack anticommunists under the guise of fighting communism.

In Nichol's letter, which already has been acknowledged to thank him for bringing the matter to our attention, he indicated his intention of taking Bundy on so that his scurrilous charge against the ABA will not go unrefuted.

The matter is of special interest to us because Bundy, in his letter, supports his allegation of an alleged drive against anticommunists by citing two major points. These are (1) his claim that Admiral William C. Mott and Mr. Morris I. Leibman of the ABA's Standing Committee on Education against Communism attempted to minimize the threat of communism and deride the work of the FBI during a joint appearance on a television panel discussion recently with Bundy, and (2) Bundy's claim that he is in possession of "alarming information," including "actual documents," which prove that the present Administration is using certain FBI personnel to discredit and destroy "true patriots and intelligent anti-communist leaders."

Program Transcript Obtained

It is difficult at this point to assess the extent to which Bundy may succeed in attracting other "true patriots" to his cause through such ridiculous charges, but it is better not to underestimate this unmitigated and unprincipled disciple of hate. For that reason, we secured the 78-page transcript of the television program on which Mott, Leibman, and Bundy appeared and have carefully analyzed every word of it to be certain we are on solid ground in regard to his allegations and charges.

Bundy's Divisive Tactic

One thing that becomes obvious immediately upon looking over both the transcript of the program and Bundy's letter of charges is that he uses the classic tactic of "divide and conquer." On the program, for example, the very first time he had occasion to speak, Bundy quoted from various portions of the Director's testimony at one time or another before Congressional Committees. He did this consistently throughout the program, and always in an effort to make it appear that there might be some contradiction between the Director's views and those of Admiral Mott and Leibman when actually there was none. Admiral Mott previously had called this to the attention of the Bureau, and it was the subject of my memorandum to you dated 4/9/63.

Use of Outright Lie

From the transcript, it is perfectly obvious that Bundy was striving to ride the Director's coattails. In addition, however, it is obvious now that he also was setting the stage for the current attack involving Mott and Leibman. By frequently introducing the FBI into the panel discussion, Bundy was laying the groundwork for future distortions such as that contained in the letter wherein he attacks Mott and Leibman with the charge that they made "ridiculous statements concerning the work of the FBI" on the television show.

In support of this charge, for example, Bundy contends that Leibman had stated on the program that "J. Edgar Hoover concocted figures and used gimmicks in regard to the communist internal threat when he went before Congressional Committees to secure appropriations for the FBI."

This is an out-and-out lie. Leibman said no such thing, as the transcript shows. In fact, in speaking about the Director's appearance before the Appropriations Committee, Leibman cited the Director's authoritative knowledge of the danger of communist activities and declared that "I would take the position that if there were one communist that Hoover ought to have all the money he wants."

Distortion of Theme

Bundy's lying proclivities are further illustrated in his letter by what he describes as the theme of the television program as stemming from the remarks of Mott and Leibman. He charges that their position was that only identified Communist Party members are a threat and that they are practically nonexistent in the country, therefore, we should teach school children only about communist philosophy and history.

An analysis of the transcript shows a complete contradiction of this charge by Bundy. Mott and Leibman both emphasized throughout that communism represents a continuing and growing challenge to our way of life and to the peace and freedom of the whole world. They stressed most emphatically the need to educate our people, particularly students, about the enormity of the threat. Most important, they advocated a bare-knuckled, hard-hitting approach to the need for developing a broader understanding and knowledge of communist strategy and tactics rather than, as Bundy says, philosophy and history. They emphasized the value of the Director's book, "A Study of Communism," as a training aid in developing the knowledge needed.

Attacks on "Amateurs"

Bundy's complete and total disregard for the truth is shown by the charge made in his letter that during the program Mott and Leibman made many slighting remarks about anticommunist "amateurs." The fact is that both Mott and Leibman argued strongly for a rational and objective approach to the problem, and it actually was Bundy who made slighting remarks about anticommunist "amateurs." At one point in the program, for example, Bundy declared that "there are a lot of amateurs on the anticommunist bandwagon and they charge like Don Quixotes on their horses slaying windmills."

At another point in the program, Bundy referred to the "wild characters" who have become "experts" on communism overnight. He said he has seen some of them "working up a sweat" on platforms and making "wild statements." He referred to those who always are "charging everybody and anything with being communists" and said that this "has muddied the water in this country for too long a time."

Anticommunist Profiteering

Bundy's hypocrisy is illustrated by his condemnation of such activities accompanied by the observation that he attributes much of this to individuals who "have exploited the communist movement for personal gain." What brass he has! This is precisely what he has been doing for years!

Bundy ranks foremost among those exploiting the communist issue for personal gain. He travels around the country extensively accepting fees for lecturing on communism. In this connection he also sells "anticommunist kits" containing items on communism, many of which he obtains free. In 1961, we had two Agents order him to stop including several FBI pamphlets in these kits. He was obtaining thousands of these free in quantity through other sources here in Washington and selling them.

The extent to which Bundy feeds off his anticommunist activities can be seen in the profitable nature of seminars he was busy organizing in 1961. Anyone desiring such a seminar was required to gather a minimum of 50 people. Each person scheduled to attend was told to write a check for \$10 payable to Bundy's "front," the Church League of America, which we have found is synonymous with Bundy. Thus, Bundy was guaranteed a minimum of \$500 for each seminar in addition to the money made through the sale of his "anticommunist kits" which went for \$1.75 each.

A Charlatan Trading on False Impressions

Not only does such material serve Bundy financially, but it also serves him in his continued efforts to link himself with respectability. He continually works to create the impression that he either is a spokesman for or is supported by responsible and respected groups.

As far back as the early 1950's, for instance, we began receiving inquiries from individuals who had heard Bundy lecture and who received the impression from comments made by him that he either was a former Agent of the FBI or worked in close liaison with FBI Agents. There never was anything to pin down that would support an impersonation case, which again illustrates how skilled Bundy is in twisting and distorting words to produce impressions he desires to create.

We are not the only ones who have been concerned with Bundy's activities bordering on impersonation. Bundy served with the Air Force in World War II, attained the rank of Major, and presently holds that rank in the inactive Reserve. Bundy has exploited this to such a degree for his own purposes that the Air Force has had to warn him that what he says and does as a civilian must not create the impression that he in any way speaks for the Air Force or that it endorses him or his views.

The Air Force action was prompted by Bundy's activities serving to create the impression that he has current status as an Air Force officer and has access to intelligence information. Bundy does this, for example, by circularizing material in connection with his lecture tours which identifies him in bold print as Major Edgar C. Bundy. His former status in this regard is set forth in small print. He creates the impression that he currently has access to intelligence information by claiming to have served "nineteen years in the Intelligence Service of the United States Air Force." Actually he was in the intelligence branch four and a half years during slightly more than six

years of active duty, but he links this with his Reserve status to justify his distorted claim.

As the Director has so adequately and accurately put it, the man is a "charlatan." Greatly disturbed by Bundy's distorted representations, Air Force officials have told us they would like to remove Bundy from his Reserve status but have no legal basis for taking such action.

Removed from Legion Posts

✓ Fortunately the American Legion, of which Bundy who is a "joiner" was once a member, was not as restricted by legal technicalities when it found him abusing his Legion membership. The American Legion kicked him off its National Americanism Commission and also out of all posts he had held on a departmental level as of 1957. He was regarded in the Legion as a troublemaker and specifically as a professional anticommunist who was attempting to feather his own nest regardless of the false nature of the facts he was using in his activities.

Enmity Toward FBI

Bundy's hypocritical stand in his current letter as an apparent defender of the FBI is exposed by his past efforts to use and abuse our name for his own purposes or to actually attack us through underhanded activities.

It will be recalled that in 1954 Bundy tried in a scheming way to secure a Bureau speaker to address a political rally by concealing the nature of the proposed program but was thwarted in this when we ascertained the true nature of the affair.

Bundy's enmity toward the Bureau has been exposed in more recent years through his underhanded insinuations about the Director and his defamatory attacks on Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan. We know, for example, that Bundy has been circulating letters as far back as 1961 in which he has included the observation that "Hoover is a member of a denomination which is affiliated with the National Council of Churches, the United Presbyterian Church." On this premise, Bundy proceeds carefully to build the idea that because of his religious affiliation, the Director is being influenced to disparage the anticommunists actively working to expose communist infiltration of religious groups.

Bundy also has attacked the Director with charges that he deals with the communist problem in generalities, leaving the difficult problem of dealing with it in specific terms to men like Bundy. This has been an adjunct of Bundy's attack on the Director for allegedly being soft on communism in regard to communist infiltration of the churches.

Bundy's animosity toward the Bureau was also exposed through learning of his manipulation at a meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution in Washington in 1961 whereby he succeeded in promoting the passage of a resolution condemning FBI spokesmen who were making speaking appearances about the country and allegedly downgrading the menace of communism.

Still Poses as FBI Defender

Even in coming to the surface as he has done in his latest letter containing charges that he is in possession of "alarming information" which proves that the FBI is attempting to discredit "true patriots" such as himself, Bundy makes it appear that he is defending the FBI because he attributes the action to "the present Administration" which is forcing the FBI into this role.

It would seem likely that Bundy's "alarming information" is apt to be the nature of a statement made to him in a letter we learned about in 1961. Written by Karl Baarslaag, who at the time was an employee of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, the letter to Bundy contained the statement that:

"Hoover under orders from Bobby is detaching 40 FBI men here from surveillance over suspected Soviet agents (security) to accounting and other duties 'in order to clean up a backlog of more important cases.' I suspect a cutback in all counter subversive work by Justice since 'Whizzer' White took over that Dept. (for Bobby)."

Baarslaag, we learned, is of the same stripe as Bundy--a professional anticommunist. Regarded on Capital Hill as a professional "bum," he had been fired by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and a number of other Senate committees and commissions for which he had worked at one time or another.

It appears doubtful that Bundy will produce any "alarming information" other than that which we already have seen in the form of letters he has written

to members of Congress already with his sly and nasty insinuations about alleged changes in FBI policy and his probings as to the supposed reasons therefor.

An Evil Force

The picture that emerges of Bundy is clearly one of an evil and a divisive force. He would like to destroy the cohesiveness among FBI personnel. He would like to drive a wedge between us and our friends. He would separate us from the Administration. He would create a chasm between us and Congressional Committees. He would remove us from our supporters, such as those in the American Bar Association presently under attack by him.

But the problem that Bundy has created for the FBI is nothing compared to the problem he has created for the Nation. Cities and towns throughout the country have been marred and scarred by the discord and confusion his tactics have created. Through his self-serving activities and his vengeful attacks on the clergy around the country, this man has driven a spike deep into the heart of the Nation. He is dividing people and turning them against each other at a time when our greatest need in this country is for unity and understanding.

A Pious Hypocrite

Most disgusting of all in the activities of this pious hypocrite is the revelation that he is nothing more than a whited sepulchre concealing depravities that cry out for him to attempt to heal himself before he attempts anything else.

An important clue as to Bundy's true nature is contained in his military service record. In one of his performance ratings covering the period of August, 1947, to January, 1948, his commanding officer noted that he was a "feminine type of officer" and recommended his transfer to something like a Special Services Unit where his professional studies in music and vocal art would be more beneficial to the armed forces. In blunt terms, his commanding officer described him as "self-centered, stubborn, egotistical, and biased." Most significant, however, is an officer labeling another "feminine," particularly when that officer's work is concerned with intelligence functions. It seems pretty obvious that Bundy's commanding officer at that time either knew enough or suspected enough to want to remove him from a position where he definitely would constitute a security risk.

Sexual Perversion

The information that we have since obtained about Bundy's true nature justifies any suspicions his former commanding officer may have had about him. Bundy, who brags that he is an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist Association, who holds himself as a paragon of virtue for youth, who would make it appear that he is one of the last of the "true patriots," is actually a sexual pervert who for years under the guise of crusading for youth has been attempting to entice young boys into homosexual relations with him.

The Reverend William E. Ashbrook, of Columbus, Ohio, has a file on Bundy which attests to his homosexual activities and Reverend Ashbrook has advised us that it is well known to several hundred ministers throughout the country that Bundy is a homosexual.

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Part of the information in the file concerns an effort on the part of this "true patriot" to entice two young sailors in the United States Navy to engage in homosexual relations with him in California around the 1946-1947 period.

One of the letters about these activities of Bundy is from an individual in Pennsylvania whose sixteen-year old nephew confessed to him that Bundy had enticed him into performing a series of acts of perversion with him at a time when Bundy was visiting the area in which the boy lived to conduct a crusade for Christian youth.

As a matter of fact, according to Reverend Ashbrook, Bundy has confessed to him these activities and begged for understanding, on one occasion writing to him that "I am crying out to you" for forgiveness.

Observation

Without presuming to attempt a psychiatric analysis of Bundy and the motivation for his actions, it appears that his own character defects may contain an important key to his actions, particularly in regard to his determined and relentless attacks on men in his own profession--the clergy. It may be that his conscious recognition of his failure and his inability to maintain the high-level of standards that generally apply among the clergy are driving him to attempt to drag them down to his level by efforts on his part to create doubts about them, to cast suspicion upon them, and to deride them through all forms of the use of half-truths, distortions, and outright lies.

Aware for years of Bundy's true nature, we have always been most circumspect in our dealings with him and, most recently, in March, 1963, when he called to ask if the FBI had "scratched him off our list," we let him know in no uncertain terms that we had.

Keeping Bundy at a distance, however, does not mean that we can afford to let down our guard where this man is concerned. He is despicably evil and consumed with strange emotions as well as the desire to further his own interests and damage seriously any person or organization standing in his way. We must remain on guard and alert to his activities, because he has succeeded in attracting a few followers to his cause--individuals whom he might dupe into unwittingly supporting a Bundy scheme to attack not only the ABA but also the FBI.

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May 24, 1963

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Executive Vice President
Schenley Industries, Inc.
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York 19, New York

Dear Nick:

Thank you for your letter of
May 17th, with enclosure. It was certainly
good of you to let us know what you had written
to Bundy.

Sincerely,

JEH

1 - Mr. Sullivan

Attention: Mr. Smith - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Mr. Nichols is on the Special Correspondents' List. His ten page letter to Edgar C. Bundy refutes numerous points made by Bundy in attacking the American Bar Association, Admiral Mott and Maurice I. Leibman, two officials of that organization, and indirectly the FBI. He points out in reference to statements about the FBI that the ABA and its officers have followed the Director's leadership in opposing communism and that Mr. Leibman did not make statements Bundy attributed to him. He tells Bundy that if he objects to FBI activities he should bring his objections to the attention of the Bureau. This is in reference to Bundy's allegations that FBI personnel marauded efforts of established anticommunist groups. Mr. Nichols previously furnished copies of Bundy's letter dated April 15th. Bundy, of course, is well-known to the Bureau. He is a complete charlatan, a sexual pervert, a professional anticommunist of the worst sort and an opportunist who has been warned by the FBI not to indicate that he has the support of the Bureau and warned by the Air Force not to give any indication that he is still affiliated with that organization.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall that sometime ago I sent you a copy of a letter dated April 15th, which was issued over the signature of Edgar C. Bundy, Executive Secretary of the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois.

I was finally able to secure a transcript of the three hour telecast concerning which the Rev. Bundy mounted considerable attack against the American Bar Association Committee Against Communism.

I decided to take Rev. Bundy on in a head-on clash and have sent him a ten page letter today. Naturally, I had to depend upon my memory and past knowledge in dealing with his tirade against the Bureau. I hope that what I had to tell him meets with your approval.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely,

LBN (Louis B. Nichols)

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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May 17, 1963

Reverend Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary
Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Reverend Bundy:

I have been informed that you sent out a circular letter under date of April 15, 1963 calling for a top level conference (closed session) to deal with several matters which were enumerated in your letter. Since so many of the facts cited by you in the circular are so inaccurate, I feel compelled to address this communication to you to correct the record and to express the hope that you will recheck your facts and take steps to correct an injustice. It is of course fundamental that you have every right to entertain or express any opinions you desire. However, you like every one else have the duty and responsibility of being accurate in your facts. The anti-Communist cause has suffered set back after set back by its spokesmen being inaccurate in their facts.

Before going into specifics, it would be desirable to briefly introduce myself and set forth the basis of taking issue with you. In this letter I want to make it crystal clear that I am writing to you as a private citizen and in this I do not purport to speak for any organization. I served in the F.B.I. from 1934 until 1957, when I retired as Assistant to the Director. From the time of its inception in 1950, I have had a very close personal relationship with the American Bar Association Special Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives. I have served as a member of this Committee from late 1958 and on the successor Committee on Education Against Communism until the present.

Your records will further show that I have modestly contributed to the Church League of America. In fact I was impressed with your letter of April 9th asking for contributions and laid it aside with the idea of rechecking my budget and making an additional contribution. Then your letter of April 15 came to my attention. Obviously I could not support even an anti-Communist movement, whose responsible head disseminated falsehoods, innuendos and half-truths. I will reserve further judgement pending receipt of your answer to this communication.

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Reverend Edgar C. Bundy:

May 17, 1963

Now as to your letter of April 15th:

1. You state "a drive is now on to use the American Bar Association to attack Anti-Communists under the guise of fighting Communism".

Just who is spear-heading this drive? You would infer that it is the Committee Against Communism. If this inference is correct, you are wrong and have disseminated false information. Our Committee has not attacked Anti-Communists. Its members would rise in righteous indignation if even the suggestion was made. It would attack fakers and any who would sully the fight against Communism for ulterior purposes. To borrow your own words from the transcript of the telecast, which I will refer to later, it would oppose "...these wild characters who come out on a public platform '(who)' five years ago ... couldn't give you a definition of the word, Communism."

2. You state the move in the Bar Association "started with dissolving of the excellent ... Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives..."

The House of Delegates at its meeting in 1962 approved a recommendation which the members of the old Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives had approved, calling for a consolidation of the Special Committee on Education in Contrast Between Liberty Under Law and Communism and the Special Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives into a Standing Committee on Education Against Communism. This new Committee came into being in August of 1962. This was a move that the "Excellent" Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives had long looked forward to. This move gave real stature to the Committees fight against Communism. It gave it a permanence with its members being appointed on a staggered basis for a term of years.

I have personally known the Presidents of the American Bar Association for many years and there is not a single former President of the American Bar Association who did not fail to give the Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives and its successor Committee their wholehearted support. In fact the current President of the American Bar Association, Mr. Sylvester Smith, for years has been General Counsel of the Prudential Life Insurance Company and prior to assuming the Presidency of the American Bar

Reverend Edgar C. Bundy:

May 17, 1963

Association was Chairman of the House of Delegates where he supported our Committee and its recommendations. Mr. Smith is a lawyer of great stature, unswerving dedication to the preservation of the American way of life and an undying foe to the menace of Communism. You would find him out in the front line trenches in any fight against Communism and he in turn would fight with every fibre of his energy to maintain our Committee.

3. You say that the new Committee "is controlled wholly by liberals". In the context in which you use this term you cast a reflection upon the Committee's leadership as well as its members. It is too bad that you did not more precisely define what you meant by liberals. Some of the greatest and most effective fighters against Communism have been true liberals as contrasted by pseudo-liberals.

I know rather well every member of the Committee on Education Against Communism. Each member is dedicated and while our members are progressively minded, in that respect they are truly liberal in their zeal to protect our Constitutional Republic and the safeguards of liberty and freedom. They are by no stretch of the imagination liberal in the sense which the term is most frequently used. These men are conservatives by nature and will yield to no man in their own dedication to the American way of life.

4. You lament your "...dubious privilege of appearing on a three hour television..." program on April 3, in Chicago with Admiral Mott and Mr. Maurice I. Leibman. Mr. Leibman is the Chairman of our Committee, and Admiral Mott has served on the Committee for several years. In participating in this program you were truly honored because Admiral Mott and Mr. Leibman are patriots of the highest order.

I have had a long personal association with each and a far longer knowledge of their records and achievements. In fact Mr. Leibman's senior partner was a classmate of mine at Kalamazoo College some 33 years ago. Their records speak far more eloquently by deeds than I could by words and I would do them a dis-service by placing in issue their character, loyalty and record of achievement, which no words or innuendos of yours are capable of sully.

5. You say, "They made some of the most ridiculous statements concerning the work of the F.B.I. and Anti-Communists that anyone could imagine".

Reverend Edgar C. Bundy:

May 17, 1963

I have delayed writing you until I could personally review the evidence including a careful study of the verbatim transcript of the 3 hour television program on April 3. I believe in giving credit where credit is due and am happy to commend you for one of your statements on the program:

"...one statement we do make over and over again from the public platform and in print, 'Never make a statement or lay a charge unless you have absolute documented proof... or a statement that you would be willing to make under oath and in any Court of Law'... that is the rule which we follow".

Unfortunately, Reverend Bundy you don't practice what you preach, otherwise you would not have made the charges you did in your letter of April 15.

6. You say: -

"...Mr. Leibman ... stated that J. Edgar Hoover concocted figures and used gimmicks in regard to the Communist internal threat when he went before Congressional meetings in order to secure appropriations for the F.B.I."

Here is exactly what the verbatim transcript shows Mr. Leibman said:

"I don't like to play the numbers game. Mr. Hoover, unfortunately, has had the problem of having trouble about appropriations in certain quarters, or opposition from certain groups, because of a low number of Communist members, or because he has so well infiltrated at times. I would take the position that if there were one Communist that Mr. Hoover ought to have all the money he wants. That's my objection to the numbers game. I don't think he had to justify it on that basis. I say that his expertise is good enough for me, but the danger is that those figures are read publicly without any caveates-- pretty soon people are trying to find Communists under the bed -- and this would be very counter-productive".

The foregoing statement by Mr. Leibman grew out of your very proper reference to the danger of those who do the Communists work. You then quoted from Mr. Hoover's statement before the House Committee on Un American Activities on March 26, 1947, wherein Mr. Hoover was dealing with the

record he has over these many years, and that we have a source to go to with information and let the experts re-develop it. That's the only disagreement that I have."

Reverend Edgar C. Bundy:

May 17, 1963

You yourself replied, "Well, I don't think that is a disagreement. I think that all of us agree on that -- agree with Mr. Hoover.

8. You then complain that Admiral Mott and Mr. Leibman hold, "...that we should teach the children in the public schools about the philosophy of Communism and the history of Communism only".

You don't say that the major premise of this telecast was based upon the education against Communism. The program initially suggested by the "excellent" Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives centered around education and the contrast between Communism and liberty under law. This was not a program of detection, identification and apprehension of Communists.

Admiral Mott pointed out that the American Bar Association was - "encouraging all the Bar Associations, State and Local, in the United States to get out and see what they could do about encouraging introduction of courses about Communism in contrast to liberty under law, in the public school."

At another point, Admiral Mott was more precise in his reasoning when he said - "...we must know about our own country and its heritage before we can have a stick against which to measure some other set of rules such as the Communists have".

If you disapproved of the position of these two lawyers on April 3, then why did you not courageously confront them in debate on the television program? You had ample opportunity but you elected to wait until your letter of April 15th, and I am sure you had no intention of having such letter disclosed. This I do know, had your lawyers read the transcript as I have they would never have permitted you to make the untrue charges contained in your letter of April 15.

9. You then say that Admiral Mott and Mr. Leibman - "... had many slighting remarks to make about anti-communist 'amateurs'"

Wasn't it you who in this program spoke at length about amateur anti-communists. You yourself say - - "...there are a lot of amateurs that have jumped on the anti-communist band wagon and they charge like Don Quixotes on their horses slaying windmills; and they haven't done their homework. They are not prepared to do it".

Reverend Edgar E. Bundy:

May 17, 1963

10. You then say that the two men told you their Committee was working with various organizations, and I quote you - "...the American Legion recently entered into an unholy alliance with the National Education Association to print so-called study material on communism".

What is wrong with joining forces with other organizations in the fight against Communism? Surely you are not questioning the integrity, loyalty and patriotism of these two great American organizations. Haven't you yourself had a long association with the Legion? What better allies could one have in the education against Communism than the educators themselves? What more potent force for good could there be in education against communism than the American Legion, the National Education Association and the American Bar Association?

Just what is unholy about the alliance between the Legion and the National Education Association?

In spreading the gospel of Christianity isn't it more important to take the message to the "sinners" rather than to the "saints". At least that is what I have always been taught in the Methodist Church in which I was raised. Incidentally, you should know that the great majority of Methodists have not been infected by the "social justice" bug, despite the articulate mutterings of a small corporals guard whose ranks are diminishing from day to day.

11. I now come to the most serious misrepresentations in your letter where you claim to have alarming information including "actual documents" that "... certain personnel within the Federal Bureau of Investigation are being used ... to discredit and destroy true patriots and intelligent anti-communist leaders".

While I retired from the F.B.I. 5½ years ago I would still consider myself a competent witness on the F.B.I. I know the personnel and I know the character and principles of J. Edgar Hoover. I say to you that your statements are false and do not represent the practice or policy of the F.B.I. You have been derelict in your duty if you have not already presented what ever evidence you have to J. Edgar Hoover. I know from past experience that he would promptly investigate such a matter and if there was the slightest indication of improper acts he would swiftly take the necessary administrative action.

Reverend Edgar C. Bundy:

May 17, 1963

12. You then refer to the F.B.I. policy of not making evaluations. You do correctly quote Mr. Hoover's well known position. Then you say - "...certain personnel of the F.B.I. ..are now being used to appear on platforms ... and give a clean bill of health to organizations which have consistently supported left wing causes..."

Have you called these instances to the attention of Mr. Hoover and if so, what did he say?

F.B.I. personnel are meticulous in erring on the side of caution. Just what organization did they clear or in response to a question did they not merely say the organization has not been cited, and were they quoted correctly?

After all, Reverend Bundy your letter of April 15 is a striking example of your inability to quote people correctly and I would give you the credit for having a higher degree of intelligence than the average person. In your biographical sketch in your publication, "Price List for Publication of the Church League of America", page 12, the statement is made that you had the highest average in your senior class at college out of a class of 500, with a rating of 97.8. This is indeed commendable and I congratulate you. This very fact, however, makes your misrepresentations even more shocking, because you should know better.

What then is your motivation? Has the F.B.I. affronted you? Is it professional jealousy? Have you received information which could be erroneous, or is it the outpouring of a colossal ego seeking recognition?

Surely it is not the burning zeal to render service, otherwise you would have gone straight to the F.B.I. and if you thought they were wrong, laid the facts before them. I have never known the F.B.I. not to face reality. It is a human organization - it can make mistakes but when it does it is the first to turn heaven and earth to correct them.

13. You then say, "...these F.B.I. personnel are ridiculing the efforts of established anti-communist groups and individuals in our nation. I am not referring to the so-called 'lunatic' fringe."

Just who did you have in mind? And what, when, where and how has F.B.I. personnel ridiculed anti-communists? Who were the anti-communists? Have you referred these facts to Mr. Hoover?

Reverend Edgar C. Bundy:

May 17, 1963

After all you are actually attacking Mr. Hoover because no F.B.I. official makes formal addresses without first having their addresses reviewed and approved. The F.B.I. has strict policies on what statements can be made and what statements cannot be made. The chief criteria of course, is truth and a factual basis for the statements.

If F.B.I. personnel have made such "ridiculous statements" why? Was it because someone under the guise of patriotism was commercializing the Holy Crusade to preserve our way of life and thus bringing down on other sincere loyal anti-communists, public ridicule and scorn? Was it because of wild and intemperate charges? Was it because of bumbling tactics which destroyed effectiveness of patriots doing their duty? Was it because some otherwise well intended persons equate anti-anti-communism with communism?

Was it because with the best of intentions facts that were true years ago are asserted as still being true today, when as a matter of fact those charged with wrong doing have seen the error of their ways and have done all within their power to undo the wrongs of other years? If this be the case isn't the doctrine of personal salvation and redemption as dynamic today in Christian thought and deed as it ever was?

14. You then say that we need "...to coordinate our efforts and to help each other out when attacks are made and plots are made against anti-communists ..." In this I agree. One of the great tragedies in the fight against Communism is the fact that there has not been unity of effort and purpose.

In this fight there is no room for petty differences. When misunderstandings occur among anti-Communists they should get together and compromise their differences, but if the purpose is to get together to attack either the F.B.I. or the American Bar Association Committee on Education Against Communism, the American Legion or the National Education Association, then you are rendering a disservice to the cause you serve.

The F.B.I. stands on its record and needs no defense in the hearts and minds of Americans everywhere. The American Bar Association Committee on Education Against Communism and its members likewise have a proven record and the members individually can well take care of themselves.

Reverend Edgar C. Bundy:

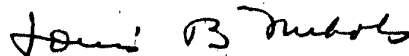
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This has been a much more lengthy letter than I would have preferred writing. It was necessary however to give you the bill of particulars which you failed to set forth in your letter.

Your letter of April 15 is a grave injustice to America's front line of defense against internal subversion just as it is an injustice to a group of loyal, patriotic men who devote their time and their money to carrying on a dedicated effort. It is your duty to correct your injustice either by withdrawing your letter of April 15 or giving this letter the same distribution. In the interests of unity I would prefer that you correct your own mistake.

I would like to hear from you as to your efforts before I take further steps. I will even be glad to sit down and visit with you if you happen to be in New York. Likewise, I would like to inquire if your conference has been held, that you were calling in your letter, and what were the results. If the conference has not been held, would persons other than those to whom the letter was sent be invited, if so, I would like to attend.

Sincerely,



Louis B. Nichols

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June 11, 1963

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with my controversy with Edgar C. Bundy, upon my return to the office, I received a letter from him dated May 31st, a copy of which is enclosed, along with a copy of my reply.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely,

(Louis B. Nichols)

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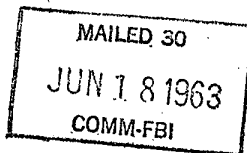
Dear Nick:

I have received your letter of June 11th,
with enclosures. Thank you for keeping me advised
about the Bundy situation.

Sincerely,

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RE: EDGAR BUNDY;
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Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 8/7/61, entitled
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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of newspaper
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The above is submitted for the Bureau's information.

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Anti-Right Crusade Charged To Attorney General

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ANAHEIM — A document from the files of the U.S. Attorney General outlining proposals by which the Kennedy administration can act to contain the "radical right" was revealed here Wednesday by Edgar Bundy, former Air Force intelligence officer. He said the paper came into his possession Tuesday.

Major Bundy, who now heads the Anti-Communist Church League of America, Wheaton, Ill., said the 4-page paper was dated Dec. 19, 1961, and authored by Victor

and Walter Reuther, top officials of the United Auto Workers Union.

As read by Bundy before a capacity audience in Central Baptist Church, Anaheim, the paper called on President Kennedy to implement his verbal attack on extremists.

The President made the attack one month earlier in Seattle on Nov. 16, 1961, and in Los Angeles two days later.

"What are needed," the paper declared, "are deliberate adminis-

tration policies and programs to contain the radical right from further expansion and in the long run to reduce it to its historic role of the impotent lunatic fringe."

Among those programs, it called for the attorney general to take action toward the listing of so called rightest organizations as subversive, tax pressure against contributors to such organizations, and investigations by the Federal Communications Commission into radio stations that

air anti-Communist broadcasts.

The paper called on Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to take the offensive against admirals and generals who share the viewpoint of retired Gen. James Van Fleet and resigned Gen. Edwin Walker.

"He (McNamara) should have those of the real top brass who share his views get right up behind him at the hearing and back him up," Bundy quoted from the paper.

Major Bundy did not say how

the Reuther paper came into his possession.

However, a cover letter on a copy presented to a newsmen was addressed to a "Mr. John Wesley Rhoads, 1801-1802 Finance Bldg., Philadelphia 2, Pa." At the place of signature on the letter was the typed name of Andrew F. Oshmann, executive assistant to the attorney general.

There was no notation on the copy of the document to indicate it had ever been officially endorsed.

But Bundy noted that D.B.

Lewis, owner of Dr. Ross Dog Foods, lately had been indicted by a federal grand jury on tax charges in connection with the publication of congressional voting record.

The Reuther paper estimated the strength of what it called the radical right at an "unknown number of millions of Americans of viewpoints bounded on the left by Senator Goldwater and on the right by Robert Welch."

Among the group specifically named were Dr. Fred Schwarz

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Christian Anti - Communism Crusade, Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade, The John Birch Society, and Harding College of Searcy, Ark., headed by Dr. George S. Benson.

The paper accused these groups of obstructing the fight against communism, accused FBI director J. Edgar Hoover of exaggerating the domestic Communist menace at every turn, and warned that the Department of Justice's legal battle with the Communist party over registration will "fan the

flames of the 'radical right.'"

"Without minimizing the Communist party strength or potential in the 30's and 40's, it has no capacity today to endanger our national security or defeat our national policies," the document asserted.

In response, Bundy quoted Hoover's 1963 testimony that the Communist party has 10,000 agents in the United States, 100,000 sympathizers, and an espionage system "unequalled in history."

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(RADICAL RIGHT)

ANAHEIM, CALIF.--EDGAR BUNDY, FORMER AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, LAST NIGHT REVEALED A DOCUMENT HE SAID CAME FROM THE FILES OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND PURPORTED TO OUTLINE ACTION THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION COULD TAKE TO CONTAIN THE SO-CALLED "RADICAL RIGHT."

BUNDY SAID THE DOCUMENT WAS DATED DEC. 19, 1961, AND WAS WRITTEN BY VICTOR AND WALTER REUTHER, TOP OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS. BUNDY, WHO NOW HEADS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION CALLED THE CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA, WHEATON, ILL., SAID THE 24-PAGE PAPER CAME INTO HIS POSSESSION TUESDAY.

AS READ BY BUNDY BEFORE AN AUDIENCE AT A BAPTIST CHURCH, THE PAPER CALLED ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO IMPLEMENT HIS VERBAL ATTACK ON EXTREMISTS, MADE A MONTH BEFORE THE REPORT WAS DATED, IN SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES.

"WHAT ARE NEEDED," BUDY QUOTED THE DOCUMENT AS SAYING, "ARE DELIBERATE ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO CONTAIN THE RADICAL RIGHT FROM FURTHER EXPANSION AND IN THE LONG RUN TO REDUCE IT TO ITS HISTORIC ROLE OF THE IMPOTENT LUNATIC FRINGE."

AMONG THOSE PROGRAMS, BUNDY SAID, THE PAPER CALLED FOR ATTY. GEN. ROBERT KENNEDY TO TAKE ACTION LEADING TO THE LISTING OF SO-CALLED RIGHTIST ORGANIZATIONS AS SUBVERSIVE, FOR TAX PRESSURE AGAINST CONTRIBUTORS TO SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AND FOR INVESTIGATIONS BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONS INTO RADIO STATIONS THAT AIR ANTI-COMMUNIST BROADCASTS.

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EDGAR BUNDY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-25-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

A Washington Capital News Service release of 7-25-63 reported that "Edgar Bundy, former Air Force intelligence officer," in a Baptist Church meeting at Anaheim, California, on 7-24-63, revealed a document which he said came from the files of the U. S. Attorney General's office. Bundy said this document, dated 12-19-61, was written by Walter and Victor Reuther, top officials of the United Auto Workers, and outlines action which the Kennedy Administration could take to contain the "so-called 'Radical Right.'" It called for Attorney General Robert Kennedy to take action to have extreme rightist groups cited as subversive and for other action to be taken to stop the expansion of these organizations.

This release identified Bundy as head of an anticommunist organization, the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois. Mr. Hoover commented, "What do our files show on Bundy? H."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES

It is to be noted that the correct spelling of this individual's name is Edgar C. Bundy. He is Executive Secretary of the Church League of America, a radical anti-communist group. Bufiles reflect that Bundy is a former Baptist minister who claims to have been a Major in the Air Force Intelligence and who, posing as an expert, travels throughout the country giving lectures on communism. He is typical of the irresponsible "professional" anticommunists who make a living of touring the country and charging fees for their lectures. He has also made money by selling U. S. Government publications at a price higher than they can be purchased from the U. S. Government Printing Office. His special interest appears to lie in exposing alleged communist influences in church groups. He has written a book entitled "Collectivism in the Churches" which was an emotional attack against the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

Bundy is a pious hypocrite who will attempt to use anyone and any organization to further his own activities. He was the subject of an Impersonation investigation in 1950 when he allegedly represented himself as a former FBI Agent; however, this allegation was not substantiated. We have warned him to desist efforts to trade off our reputation in connection with "anticommunist kits" which he sold at meetings and which contained several FBI pamphlets obtained free and in quantity through sources in Washington. He has also been warned by the Air Force to cease creating the impression that he is still an officer in active status having access to intelligence information and The American Legion dismissed him from all Posts with that organization in 1957 as they considered him a troublemaker.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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M.A. Jones to DeLoach memo
Re: EDGAR C. BUNDY

Despite his virtuous pose, Bundy is known to be a sexual pervert and he allegedly favors satisfying his perverted desires with young boys. His homosexual activities are allegedly known to hundreds of ministers across the country.

Bundy has been critical of the Director and other Bureau officials in recent years, alleging that they were taking a soft stand ^{on communism} and were allowing these groups to infiltrate American churches. In July, 1962, he wrote Congressmen John J. Rooney and Robert Sikes, both of the Subcommittee on Appropriations, advising that he had read the Director's testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations in January, 1962, and that he had failed to notice any reference in the Director's testimony to communist activities on college campuses. He asked that the Congressmen question Mr. Hoover concerning this activity in the future so that his evaluation of the situation would be "on the record." As a result, Congressman ^{Rooney} requested the Director's comments in connection with Bundy's letter and Congressman Sikes requested any material which the Director felt should be forwarded to Bundy.

Despite Bundy's allegation, Mr. Hoover did discuss this matter in his testimony before the Subcommittee in January, 1962. This matter was handled by the Congressmen being personally contacted and confidentially briefed concerning Bundy's background.

In early 1963, Bundy distributed a letter attacking the American Bar Association as initiating a drive to attack anticommunists under the guise of fighting communism. He claimed in this letter that he was in possession of documents proving that the present Administration was using FBI personnel to discredit anticommunist leaders. Former Assistant to the Director L.B. Nichols advised us of this matter in 1963 and wrote Bundy refuting the allegations concerning the FBI.

With regard to the above 24-page document written by Walter and Victor Reuther, this information is not new and represents another example of Bundy's use of any material to further his own aims. This document is discussed in detail in a book released in June, 1963, entitled "The Far Right," by Donald Janson and Bernard Eismann. This document was a memorandum prepared by Walter and Victor Reuther in late 1961 and submitted to the Justice Department as suggested action that Attorney General Robert Kennedy could take to restrain the "Radical Right." Bundy probably obtained the information concerning this memorandum from the book, "The Far Right."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the July 10, 1963 issue of the periodical, Christian Century, there appears a report from New Mexico, written by Robert H. Dinegar concerning some statements made by a Dean Gray Blandy in an address delivered at the 1963 convention of the New Mexico and Southwest Texas Episcopal Diocese at Albuquerque. EPISCOPAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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Among other remarks, Mr. Blandy stated that an assistant to J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. was asked if anyone connected with the National Council of Churches has a record as a communist or "fellow-traveler." Mr. Blandy asserted that the assistant stated the F.B.I. found no record of such affiliations and that the National Council of Churches is one of the F.B.I.'s "better supporting bodies."

We should like to know if this assertion by Mr. Blandy is correct with respect to the following particulars:

- 1) Did any assistant to Mr. Hoover make such a statement;
- 2) Is Mr. Blandy correct in asserting that records of individuals known to the F.B.I. were revealed to one or more representatives of the National Council of Churches; and
- 3) Has the F.B.I., or any of Mr. Hoover's assistants, stated that the National Council of Churches is one of the F.B.I.'s "better supporting bodies"?

We will appreciate your assistance in obtaining the answers to the above questions.

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a remarkable communion service to place. The officiating minister was Bishop Lesslie Newbigin of the Church of South India. Assisting the preacher, Moderator James D. Stewart, were Anglican Bishops Hartland of Durham and Carey of Edinburgh, and Dr. Davidson of Glasgow, last year's moderator of the Church of Scotland.

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Anti-Bigotry Stamp

Rep. William L. St. Onge (D., Conn.) has introduced a bill in Congress providing for redesign of the new five-cent stamp picturing George Washington to include the words "To Bigotry No Sanction." The quotation is taken from Washington's letter of 1790 to the Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I.: "The government of the United States gives to bigotry no sanction, and to persecution no assistance."

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Past and Present

On June 10 the clock was turned back over 900 years at St. Francis' Cathedral in Santa Fe as Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Orthodox clergy attended a solemn high pontifical requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Pope John XXIII. Undoubtedly in accord with the late pontiff's wishes "that they may be one," Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe invited his "separated brethren" to attend the service.

Prof. Edward Teller of the University of California, popularly called the "father of the H-bomb," returned in May to his old homegrounds at Los Alamos to speak on the atomic age—past, present and future. Addressing an audience of over 800, which included some of the nation's foremost scientists, Teller said that "whether good or bad, it would have been wrong not to try" to make the atomic bomb 20 years ago. He stressed the importance of nuclear explosions in opening up other fields of scientific development.

New Mexico Meetings

Speaking in Albuquerque at the 1963 convention of the New Mexico and Southwest Texas Episcopal diocese, Dean Gray Blandy of Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest reported on a study made of the National Council of Churches. He made three points: (1) The N.C.C. is maturing—mistakes made in the beginning of its existence will not be repeated—and it offers useful services to the various churches. (2) A staff member of the House of Representatives' Committee on Un-American Activities had been asked if anyone connected with the N.C.C. has a record as a communist or "fellow traveler"; he knew of none. (3) An assistant to J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation also found no record of such affiliations. The assistant added that the N.C.C. is one of the F.B.I.'s "better supporting bodies."

Also meeting during April and May: the Rocky Mountain synod (New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and El Paso, Texas) of the newly formed Lutheran Church in America, in Albuquerque; the 74th New Mexico Methodist annual conference at Alamogordo; the annual meeting of United Presbyterian staff members from throughout the Rocky Mountain area.

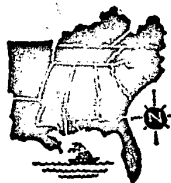
And So Forth

M. F. Fewell of the First Baptist Church of Deming has been elected president of the Southern Baptist Train-

Union, an organization representing 500 New Mexico Southern Baptists.

David Reiter, 86, formerly stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Rio Grande presbytery, died April 21.

Box 319,
Los Alamos.



Florida

JACK A. DAVIS

Effective Leadership

In what has been described as a "historic step in race relations" an interracial group of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy and laymen in Dade county (Miami) have established a committee authorized to draw up principles for an organization to deal with racial and other community problems. The group issued a strong statement condemning racial discrimination as contrary to God's law and calling for equality in employment, education, housing, hospitals, labor unions, job training, recreation, public accommodations, political organizations and worship. Members spoke as individuals rather than as representatives of organizations.

In 1963 the Florida council of churches made significant advance over past years in its approach to legislative action. The council stimulated a statewide study of the issues, held a seminar in Tallahassee during the legislative session and employed a reporter—veteran newsman Harold K. Philips—whose weekly column "The Church at the Legislature" was distributed to 32 daily newspapers and mailed to the 1,900 addresses on the council's mailing list.

Methodists Make News

The 121st session of the Florida Methodist annual conference, meeting in Lakeland, proved more newsworthy than most. In a resolution which received a large plurality of votes the conference commended cities that have set up bi-racial committees, churches that seat worshipers regardless of race, a Methodist district that has integrated its Christian workers school, ministerial associations that are open to all races, the Woman's Society of Christian Service for ratification of a "charter" of racial policies, communities that have desegregated public facilities, and persons who employ nonviolent and legal means in the civil-rights struggle. The resolution also urged Methodist businessmen to eliminate discrimination in their business practices, pledged conference support to Florida Southern College trustees if they decide on a nondiscriminatory admissions policy, and promised

ENCLOSURE (July 10, 1963)

62-104576 THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-31-63

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*SUBJECT:

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Captioned individual wrote July 26th and made reference to the July 10, 1963, issue of "Christian Century" containing statements by Dean Gray Blandy. A copy of the pertinent page of this publication is attached and contains the statement attributed to Dean Blandy as follows: "An assistant to J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation also found no record of such affiliations. The assistant added that the N.C.C. is one of the F.B.I.'s "better supporting bodies." This statement relates to allegations there are communists in the National Council of Churches.

Correspondent asks if any assistant to Mr. Hoover made such a statement, whether records of the FBI were revealed to one or more representatives of the National Council of Churches (NCC) and whether the FBI or any of Mr. Hoover's assistants has stated that the NCC is one of the FBI's "better supporting bodies."

Bufiles indicate that Dean Blandy visited Assistant Director Sullivan on 2-8-63 to discuss the NCC. Mr. Sullivan told Dean Blandy that the FBI was not in a position to evaluate or pass judgment on any organization and when asked if the NCC had been cited as a communist front, Mr. Sullivan replied that no citation was known to him. Dean Blandy was referred to the literature published by the NCC which is strictly anticommunist. Dean Blandy represents Episcopal Theological Seminary of Austin, Texas, and was in Washington attending a meeting of Episcopal church leaders gathered to decide whether to continue membership in the NCC.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones - Enclosures

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Of course the answer to each of correspondent's questions is no. Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles but he represents the Church League of America which is headed by Edgar C. Bundy, who is well known to the Bureau. We have absolutely nothing to do with Bundy and as a matter of policy we do not answer communications from him or representatives of his organization. There is no doubt that any reply would be used to inject the FBI into a controversy since Bundy has long attacked the NCC. As far back as 1951 Bundy was circulating letters asserting that the Director was being influenced to disparage anticommunists actively working to expose communist infiltration of religious groups because "Hoover is a member of a denomination which is affiliated with the National Council of Churches, the United Presbyterian Church."

This is but another attempt to drag the FBI into Bundy's controversy with various religious groups. Any reply would be used to either disparage the Director or other Bureau officials or twisted to indicate that the Bureau supports Bundy's wild theories.

RECOMMENDATION:

That no reply be made.

[Handwritten signature]

August 5, 1963

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just read your testimony before the Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations in which you justified the F.B.I. budget for 1963.

On page 380 of aforementioned testimony, you made the statement:

.....That is why some people join organizations to fight communism.....such as extremist organizations of the "radical right".

To the best of my knowledge, the term "radical right" was coined by Bishop James Pike who is Episcopal Bishop of the Church in California. You will recall that Bishop Pike adopted all the wrong attitudes toward the HCUA and the film, "Operation Abolition", and contradicted much of what you have written in Communist Target--Youth. Pike has been, in my opinion, giving much aid and comfort to the communist programs for youth, especially in California.

I am quite surprised by your use of the term, "radical right", inasmuch as 1) it represents a concession to those who picture the political spectrum as having communism on the extreme left and anti-communism at the extreme right, and 2) it makes you appear to share the attitudes of men like Pike and his crowd, which I'm rather sure you do not.

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With all due respect to you, sir, may I suggest what is the correct picture of the political spectrum? Represent it by a horizontal line of definite length. As one moves toward the left, he encounters more and more centralized government control, and consequently, less and less individual freedom. Just the reverse is true as one proceeds toward the right; we find more individual liberty coupled with diminished governmental activity.

In other words, to put it mathematically, personal liberty and government control are in reciprocal relationship to each other.

It must be clear then, that at the extreme left of the political spectrum we would expect to find total government control, the best current example of which is communism. At the extreme right we find its mirror image, namely anarchy, which is the absence of government or law. In this latter state the only "law" is that which individuals by their own strength keep around themselves. But it is doubtful that such a condition can be called "law".

CORRESPONDENCE

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morrell to DeLoach
8-8-63 JH:j/w

It will therefore be seen that in the spectrum I propose for your consideration, government control is a leftward tendency, while individual liberty is a rightward tendency.

Socialism, in any of its guises (Fabian, Guild, National or Naziism) is an adjunct of communism and is rightly to be located somewhere near the left extreme. As you know, communism is socialism in its extreme form intertwined with doctrines of Leninism (the historical role of the Communist Party in gaining the worldwide "victory" for the proletariat). And I define socialism broadly as the centralized control of production and the means of distribution.

I believe it to be correct, therefore, that socialism should be placed on the political spectrum to exhibit its various gradations that logically culminate at the extreme left: communism.

Our Founding Fathers realized of course, that much government with little liberty was as undesirable as little government with extreme liberty. Their solution was found in the establishment of our Constitutional Republic.

I believe that the great majority of the anti-communist organizations in our nation are oriented toward the center of the political spectrum, which is where we find our Founding Fathers; a position that recognizes the need for government of law, and not of men; but a position that places in the peoples' possession a Constitution that has at least a twofold function: 1) the provision of maximum freedom for individuals by definitely limiting the extent of Federal Power, and 2) the provision of the means by which "the mischief of men could be bound down", to quote Jefferson.

Unfortunately, our Founding Fathers made no provision for keeping the spirit and love for freedom alive in the hearts of the people, nor could one have been devised.

When you use the term "radical right", to describe anti-communist organizations, it appears to me that you have fallen into the verbal trap of those who try to make "fascism" appear to be so opposed to communism that it belongs at the opposite end of the political spectrum from communism. With communism placed at the extreme left, therefore, fascism is at the extreme right, and any group that is strongly anti-communist is "right-wing", i.e., fascist. This is a gross distortion, not only of the political spectrum, but of the nature of the great many anti-communist organizations springing up in our nation now.

The political "right" is properly the anarchistic view. Which of the groups you refer to as being "radical right" espouses anarchy?

Mr. Hoover, just as you expect American citizens to avoid loose, indefinite terms regarding communism (in which I heartily concur with you), so we citizens expect that you do likewise in referring to our anti-communist organizations.

If it is "extremism" to want to preserve our liberty in the face of the communist threat, then I am an extremist; if it be fanaticism to want to preserve my life and the lives of my children, then I am a fanatic, and that is that.

I confess that I have been surprised at your uncritical use of the terms "right-wing", "radical right", and "extremist". If you have a specific criticism to make, then by all means make it. But please avoid the vague generalities which our nation's enemies can pick up and twist to discredit responsible anti-communist

J. Edgar Hoover---page 3.

efforts.

I would be most interested to know the names of these "radical right" organizations to which you refer.

Do you consider the John Birch Society as being "radical-right"? Before you reply to that question, may I respectfully suggest that you obtain a few back copies of the Society's magazine, American Opinion, and note the calibre of men who write for it.

Do you consider Dr. Fred Schwarz and his Christian Anti-Communism Crusade as "radical-right"?

What is your opinion of the "Church League of America"?

And I would be very interested in your opinion of the recent memorandum written by Victor Reuther to your supervisor, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, in which Reuther called for, among other things, the listing of conservative organizations along with pro-communist groups on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

|| Mr. Hoover, I would appreciate a reply from you personally rather than from one of your assistants.

Very sincerely.



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SPECIAL-REPORT

The Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois

THE REUTHER MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Walter and Victor Reuther called on Attorney General Robert Kennedy in the Fall of 1961 and laid out an oral plan on how to destroy the Conservative rebellion within the United States. Robert Kennedy requested that the plan be submitted to him in writing. On December 19, 1961 a 24-page memorandum was given to the Attorney-General and the writer was identified as Victor Reuther.

The memorandum, which was distributed to all high Kennedy Administration officials and to "certain sympathetic Senators and Congressmen" contained five major courses of action which should be initiated by the Attorney General:

1. Muzzle the military and stop the recall to active duty of Conservatives such as General James Van Fleet by having the Secretary of Defense issue orders against speeches or articles opposing Communism.
2. Stop listing pro-communist organizations exclusively as subversive on the annual Attorney General's list and add the names of conservative organizations so that the list would not be "lop-sided." This would cause the membership of the conservative organizations to drop out as they would not want to be associated with a "subversive" organization on the Attorney General's list. That would then bring about the end of the organization.

ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-8-63

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DCM*

SUBJECT:

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Captioned individual wrote August 5th and in a lengthy letter objected to the Director's use of the term "radical right" in referring to extremist organizations during his 1963 Appropriations Testimony. Correspondent states the political spectrum should be viewed as a horizontal line with communism, socialism, nazism and other theories advocating government control as the extreme left. As you move toward the right you achieve less government control and more freedom for the individual with the ultimate right wing being absolute lack of government control or anarchy. Correspondent asks if the Director considers the John Birch Society, Dr. Fred Schwarz, the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade and the Church League of America as of the radical right. He also wants the Director's opinion concerning the memorandum sent to the Attorney General by Walter and Victor Reuther advocating control of conservative organizations and curbing the activities of the Director.

You will recall my memorandum to you dated 7-31-63 concerning this individual who identified himself as connected with the Research Department of the Church League of America. He wrote July 26th challenging a statement written by Episcopal Church leader Dean Gray Blandy alleging that an Assistant to the Director had stated the FBI had found no record of communist affiliations for those in the National Council of Churches. Of course, no such statement had been made to Dean Blandy, but it was recommended and approved that correspondent's letter not be acknowledged in view of his affiliation with the Church League of America which is headed by the well-known professional anticommunist, Edgar C. Bundy. As a matter of policy, we do not answer communications from Bundy or representatives of his organization. Prior to the above-mentioned communication, correspondent could not be identified in Bufiles.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Reuther memorandum has previously come to the Bureau's attention: *F 70*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures
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Morrell to DeLoach Memorandum

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Correspondent's argumentative communication uses a well-known debating technique. He completely ignores dictionary definitions and common usage of words. He sets forth his definition for the "radical right" and supports his arguments on this basis. If his definition is accepted, it is difficult to challenge his conclusions, but his definitions are not accurate. The "right" is commonly associated with extreme nationalism rather than anarchy. Fascism and nazism are generally considered "right wing." The Director has often noted that the extremes of the left and right are similar since they result in totalitarianism, but this does not prohibit the use of such descriptive terms where appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing and because of correspondent's association with Major Bundy, no acknowledgment should be made.





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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
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Mr. Gale	✓
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Mr. Tavel	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
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CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

422 NORTH PROSPECT STREET • WHEATON, ILL.

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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

16 September 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Building
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In your testimony before the Sub-Committee of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, 88th Congress, First Session, page 492, I note that Representative Rooney, in dealing with travel by Soviet officials within the United States, said, "I thought we had some limitation upon their radius of travel." Your response was: "We do, but they can get permission to make trips."

I would like to know (1) the procedures that must be followed by the Soviet officials to obtain such permission and (2) the individuals and agencies that grant such permission.

This information will be very much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-19-63

FROM : D. C. Morrell *per/gam*SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
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Captioned individual wrote September 16th and indicated that in the Director's testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, Congressman Rooney stated he thought there was some limitation upon the radius of travel by Soviet officials. The Director responded by stating that there was such a limitation but that these officials can get permission to make trips. Bundy wants to know the procedure Soviet officials must follow to obtain permission and the individuals and agencies that grant such permission.

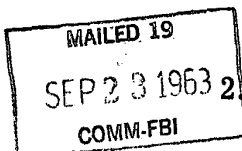
Bufiles are replete with derogatory information concerning Edgar C. Bundy who is a typical professional anticommunist. As a matter of policy, we have nothing to do with him and do not answer correspondence from him or his representatives. An exception in this case would lead only to additional inquiries from him.

OBSERVATION:

Since this is a matter involving the State Department which is responsible for waving travel restrictions of this nature, we should forward this request for information to that Department for any action they deem appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a copy of Bundy's letter be forwarded to the State Department by attached form.



2. That Bundy's letter not be acknowledged.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones - Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

FROM : Mr. G. H. Scatterday

SUBJECT: CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA (CLA)
EDGAR C. BUNDY
NAME CHECK REQUEST

DATE: October 3, 1963

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The Name Check Section is in receipt of a request from the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI), Army, concerning the CLA, 422 North Prospect Street, Wheaton, Illinois. SA P. D. Putnam, Liaison Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, ascertained from ACSI that the request originated with General Earle G. Wheeler, Army Chief of Staff, who recently came into possession of a CLA report concerning a document allegedly written by Walter and Victor Reuther outlining action which the Kennedy Administration could take to contain the "so-called 'Radical Right'." General Wheeler had asked to be advised concerning the CLA.

Edgar C. Bundy is Executive Secretary of the CLA and for all intents and purposes is the organization. The CLA has never been investigated by the Bureau and is a radical anti-communist group. Bundy is well known for his CLA activities and has frequently publicized the Reuther document. He has been described as a pervert, a pious hypocrite, and a typical "professional" anticommunist who makes a living by touring the country charging fees for his lectures. Attached is a detailed memorandum summarizing information in Bureau files concerning Bundy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That ACSI be advised the CLA has never been investigated by this Bureau.

- (2) That ACSI be confidentially orally advised by liaison of Bundy's background.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Name Check Section
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/16/63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-5096)

ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS
SECTIONSUBJECT: THE CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA,
422 North Prospect Street,
Wheaton, Illinois
INFO CONCERNING

Reference is made to Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau captioned "EDGAR BUNDY, INFORMATION CONCERNING" dated 7/26/63, which transmitted to the Bureau a copy of a newspaper clipping of a speech which had been given by BUNDY at Anaheim, California.

There is being transmitted herewith the special report which has been issued by the Church League of America, 422 North Prospect Street, Wheaton, Illinois, captioned "The Reuther Memorandum To The Attorney General of The United States." It is believed this is the report that BUNDY made reference to in the newspaper article previously furnished to the Bureau.

The enclosed report was obtained by an anonymous source in the Fresno, California area inasmuch as it had been pushed under the door of the Fresno Resident Agency on Monday 10/14/63. The report is being furnished to the Bureau for the completion of the Bureau's files.

The Reuther Memorandum has been sent by previous memos & copy already in Bu files & no action.

*for add. info. only
Jm 10/14/63*

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SPECIAL REPORT

The Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street
Wheaton, Illinois

THE REUTHER MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Walter and Victor Reuther called on Attorney General Robert Kennedy in the Fall of 1961 and laid out an oral plan on how to destroy the Conservative rebellion within the United States. Robert Kennedy requested that the plan be submitted to him in writing. On December 19, 1961 a 24-page memorandum was given to the Attorney-General and the writer was identified as Victor Reuther.

The memorandum, which was distributed to all high Kennedy Administration officials and to "certain sympathetic Senators and Congressmen" contained five major courses of action which should be initiated by the Attorney General:

1. Muzzle the military and stop the recall to active

~~duty of Conservatives such as General James Van Fleet~~

by having the Secretary of Defense issue orders against speeches or articles opposing Communism.

2. Stop listing pro-communist organizations exclusively as subversive on the annual Attorney General's list and add the names of conservative organizations so that the list would not be "lop-sided." This would cause the membership of the conservative organizations to drop out as they would not want to be associated with a "subversive" organization on the Attorney General's list. That would then bring about the end of the organization.

3. Stop the flow of funds to the conservative organizations by having the Internal Revenue Service investigate all tax-exempt conservative religious and educational organizations and find some pretext for removing tax-exemption.
 4. Use the power of the Federal Communications Commission to investigate radio and television stations carrying conservative programs and see if such stations are violating FCC regulations.
 5. Curb the activities of J. Edgar Hoover who "exaggerates the domestic Communist menace at every turn and contributes to the public's frame of mind." Hoover was charged in the memo with "fifteen years of overstating a problem."
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At least four of the suggestions of the Reuther's are in operation now and proof is overwhelming.

Here is the covering letter from the Office of the Attorney General, signed by Andrew F. Cehmann, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, identifying the attached as "the Reuther Memorandum."

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1963

[Redacted]
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

This is in response to your letter of June 6, 1963 to the Attorney General requesting a copy of the Reuther Memorandum concerning the "radical right."

A copy of the memorandum is enclosed herewith.

Please excuse the delay in answering your inquiry. We were unable to locate the memo before this.

Sincerely,

Andrew F. Oehmann
Executive Assistant to the
Attorney General

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THE RADICAL RIGHT IN AMERICA TODAY

President Kennedy's addresses in Seattle and Los Angeles on November 16 and 18 evidenced both a deep concern with, and a profound understanding of, the serious problems injected into American life by the growing strength of the radical right. A spate of articles in responsible newspapers and periodicals reflect this same concern and understanding. Perhaps therefore this memorandum will prove but a repetition and restatement of suggestions already under consideration by the Administration. Since, however, the public discussion to date concerning the radical right has produced little in the line of suggested policies and programs for dealing with the serious problems raised, this memorandum may have some value in focusing attention upon possible Administration policies and programs to combat the radical right.

Initially, it needs to be said that far more is required in the struggle against the radical right than simply calling attention to present and potential dangers. If the Administration truly recognizes this as a serious problem, as it certainly appears to do, it is most important that President Kennedy's addresses in Seattle and Los Angeles be implemented. Speeches without action may well only mobilize the radical right instead of mobilizing the democratic forces within our nation. It is with this consideration in view that there is set forth below an estimate of the extent of the problem and suggested Administration policies and programs for dealing with the problem.

EXTENT OF PROBLEM

The radical right or extreme right-wing, or however it may be designated, includes an unknown number of millions of Americans of viewpoints bounded on the left by Senator Goldwater and on the right by Robert Welch. The active component of these radical right millions would, of course, be only a small fraction of the total. But, whatever may be the difficulty of ascertaining their numbers, these radical right groups are probably stronger and are almost certainly better organized than at any time in recent history. More significant yet, they are growing in strength and there is no reason to expect a turning of the tide in this regard during the foreseeable Cold War period ahead. And, possibly most significant of all, their relationship to and infiltration of the Armed Services adds a new dimension to the seriousness with which they must be viewed.

New radical right organizations have sprung up like weeds in the last few years; it is estimated by the Anti-Defamation League that almost a hundred such organizations have been organized in 1961 alone. Welch's Birch Society, Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, and Hargis' Christian Crusade, are among the most powerful of the new groups. Benson's Harding College and National Education Program and H. L. Hunt's Life Line have earlier histories, but they have expanded along with the growth of the new groups. But all of these groups together are only part of an even larger and constantly growing movement which is well manned and even better financed. The Birch Society alone probably has a million dollars a year at its disposal; so does the Christian Crusade (which is just one of 3 Hargis ventures). The radical right as a whole -- and estimating conservatively -- must have twenty or more times this much on call. There are vast quantities of

literature, films, and records emanating from the radical right and even such things as radical right bookshops are beginning to spring up. (General Walker gave one of these bookshops, The Bookmailer in New York, a big plug on national television December 3rd).

The Birch Society may be the best known today. But others are equally strong and perhaps more influential. Take a look at Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, for example. In the Anti-Communist School he ran in St. Louis earlier this year he was backed by the St. Louis Globe Democrat and was sponsored by the Mayor and Chief of Police of St. Louis and both United States Senators. Governor John M. Dalton even officially proclaimed this "anti-Communism week in Missouri." The New York Times eyewitness report from St. Louis asserted that one of the most striking things there was "the large proportion of younger people." Schwarz' Hollywood rallies are even more disturbing than his St. Louis and other schools. His Crusade had a three-hour rally before some twelve to fifteen thousand persons in the Hollywood Bowl and an estimated four million more watched the program over television on 33 stations in six states. Actors John Wayne, James Stewart, Pat O'Brien, and George Murphy were there, as were such top "movie-makers" as Jack Warner of Warner Brothers and Y. Frank Freeman of Paramount. The gross take at the rally (plus the week's Hollywood Anti-Communist School) was \$214,796. Even more significant was the presence of C. D. Jackson, a top executive of Life Magazine. In early September Life had run a disparaging story about Schwarz. The kickback at Life was sufficient to induce Jackson to fly to Los Angeles to appear in the Hollywood Bowl and offer a public apology. Jackson told the audience, "I believe we were wrong and I am profoundly sorry. It's a great privilege to be here tonight

and align Life Magazine with Senator Dodd, Representative Judd, Dr. Schwarz, and the rest of these implacable fighters against communism." Only recently the Los Angeles rallies were re-telecast in New York City for three full evening hours with the Schick Safety Razor Company picking up the tab. (Richfield Oil and Technicolor Corp., as well as Schick, appear to be regularly available to Schwarz as television sponsors).

Take a look, too, at another one of these groups -- Harding College and the National Education Program (both headed by Dr. George S. Benson). The propaganda operation, exclusive of the college, is budgeted at \$200,000 a year. They produced some 30 movies of which "Communism on the Map" is the most famous and has been seen by 10 million persons. Dr. Benson's weekly column has wide distribution and one version is sent in bulk lots to a thousand business organizations. He has a monthly newsletter with 50 thousand subscribers; ~~he has outlets in a great many Farm Bureau monthly state papers~~ (the effect of which was seen at the recent Farm Bureau Convention). He has a series of high school study outlines in "American Citizenship Education" sent free to schools requesting them.

The Life Line Radio Program, now on about 200 radio stations (some run him twice), is planning to branch out into television. Businessmen all over the Nation are sponsoring this program. H. L. Hunt, one of the richest oil men in the country and owner of Life Line, boasts that "the Free World cannot be saved unless it is saved at a profit."

All of these radical right organizations have the same general line. The danger to America is domestic Communism. While their particular traitor will vary from Harry Hopkins to George Marshall,

from President Truman to President Eisenhower, from Senator Fullbright to some labor leader, there is no question that anybody even slightly to the left of Senator Goldwater is suspect. They traffic in fear. Treason in high places is their slogan and slander is their weapon. They undermine loyal Americans' confidence in each other and in their government.

Their appeal is for "total victory" (note that Goldwater is with them all the way on this) and they thrive on every defeat, retreat, concession, or even negotiation. Americans feel they are "losing" for the first time in history. Since Americans intuitively tend not to believe they ever lose fairly, the radical right's charges that we are "losing" (itself a dubious assumption) because of treason in high places falls on fertile soil. In Schwarz's Southern California meetings, as shown in the New York re-telecast a couple of weeks ago, Senator Dodd's and Representative Judd's heavy-handed foreign policy polemics received little applause, but when W. Cleon Skousen (author of "The Naked Communist") charged treason in high places, the place went up in a roar of applause.

The suggestion is being made in some quarters (e. g., Reston in the Times of November 19, 1961) that the radical right is primarily a "Republican problem" because it utilizes money that might otherwise be available to Republican Party candidates. Former Vice President Nixon shares this view. Yet, on reflection, this would appear quite superficial. The growing strength of the radical right may indeed be an inconvenience to the Republican Party, but it is far worse than that for the Nation and the Democratic Party -- for it threatens the President's program at home and abroad. By the use of the twin propaganda weapons of fear and slander, the radical right moves the

national political spectrum away from the Administration's proposed liberal programs at home and abroad. By vicious local pressure campaigns against teachers or preachers or any one else who supports anything from negotiation in foreign affairs to governmental programs in domestic affairs, they frighten off support for much-needed Administration programs. Pressure tactics on already-timid Congressmen are reinforced with fanaticism and funds. The pressure campaign against the Katanga operation is only one example of what is ahead. Any hard-boiled, realistic appraisal of the situation evokes this conclusion: The growing strength, organization and financial resources of the radical right is not something that can be wished away or that can be confidently ignored as a Republican problem.

ACTION ON THE PROBLEM

As the radical right cannot be wished away or ignored, likewise its demise is not something that can be readily accomplished. The struggle against the radical right is a long-term affair; total victory over the radical right is no more possible than total victory over the Communists. What are needed are deliberate Administration policies and programs to contain the radical right from further expansion and in the long run to reduce it to its historic role of the impotent lunatic fringe.*

*Private agencies can do much, too, to identify and expose the radical right. Indeed, in the long-run the extent of participation by private agencies in this struggle is more likely to determine its outcome than anything the Government can do. The press, television, church, labor, civic, political and other groups whose constitutional freedom is directly involved must carry the prime burden in this struggle. But the purpose of this memorandum is to consider possible Administration policies and programs rather than those of private groups. Furthermore, affirmative Administration policies and programs can set the backdrop against which private activity is most likely to succeed.

As the radical right today feeds like a leech on the frustrations of the American people, so reducing these frustrations by accomplishments at home and abroad is the most important part of the long-range battle against the radical right. Indeed, in the long run, only democratic initiative in the world struggle against Communism will roll back the radical right to its traditional insignificance. But the Nation cannot look the other way and wait for this to happen. The radical right organizations threaten to render impossible the very steps (action and negotiation) that need to be taken by the Administration if our nation is to survive and succeed in the world struggle; they must never be permitted to become so strong as to obstruct action needed for democratic survival and success.

As we gird ourselves for a long struggle against world Communism, so we must gird ourselves for a long struggle against the radical right. But there are some steps which can and should be taken now to halt the growth of the radical right and possibly to turn the tide against it. There are other steps of a more long-range nature. Among the programs and policies of both types which the Administration might consider are the following:

1. The radical right inside the Armed Services presents an immediate and special problem requiring immediate and special measures.

The problem of radical right influence inside the Armed Services is an immediate one and made all the more so by the up-coming hearings of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee. But even if there were no hearings, this challenge to the basic American concept of separating military personnel from partisan politics must be met now. Tolerance of such a challenge can only embolden those who do the challenging.

It has been widely reported that General Walker's radical right viewpoint is shared by a substantial number of his colleagues. One observer, Louis J. Halle, has reported that Walker's position "represents the publicly unexpressed but privately outspoken views of an important part of our American officer corps in all three services" (New Republic, November 20, 1961). Drew Pearson has twice reported without contradiction that a Lieutenant General has leaked secret information to Senator Thurmond in support of the Walker position. The "Americanism Seminars," espousing radical right doctrine and sponsored or co-sponsored by the Armed Services in various places, could only have been accomplished by radical right officer personnel within the armed forces; the spectacle of the U. S. Army sponsoring Skousen's reflection on the patriotism of Franklin Roosevelt and the loyalty of Harry Hopkins, could only have been achieved through the connivance of inside military personnel. Former top brass work with all the radical right groups. ~~The recent experience in Algeria demonstrates that the~~ soldiers of an army of a democratic nation may be tempted, out of frustration, to engage in anti-democratic operations; as reports from France make so abundantly clear, the radical right Generals and Admirals continue today to threaten the stability of France's democratic system.

What appears to support the position of widespread infiltration of the radical right into the Armed Services is the manner in which the Walker case was handled. Indeed, the shocking thing about the Walker case is not that his resignation was accepted in 1961, but that the Armed Services rejected his resignation in 1959 when he tried to resign because of "the fifth column conspiracy and influence in the United States" and the "conspiracy and its influences on the home

front." Whether the resignation was rejected because Walker's superiors agreed with his views or simply were not shocked by them is not known; but in either event, the failure to accept his resignation constituted a dangerous tolerance of the radical right inside the Armed Services. Even worse was the action towards Walker in 1960 and early in 1961; the Army failed to act against Walker's obvious and illegal acts of "radical right politics" until public notice of Walker's offenses (brought about by a newspaper exposé) forced the Pentagon's hand. Again, it is not important why this happened; what is important is the degree of tolerance of the radical right inside the Armed Services.

It also appears to have been widespread pressure from right-wing Generals and Admirals in the Pentagon which brought about the recall to duty of General Van Fleet. It is common knowledge that General Van Fleet has himself been a member of the extreme right wing (Board member of "For America"; endorser of the Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies; Board of Advisors of H. L. Hunt's Life Line). Not only does the Pentagon pressure for the recall of General Van Fleet evidence radical right influence inside the military establishment, but it demonstrates the absolute unappeasability of this group. All that the recall has accomplished is to embarrass the Administration when Van Fleet irresponsibly attacked the Administration's Ambassador to the United Nations.

Once it is recognized that there is a serious problem of radical right infiltration of the military and that appeasement is not the answer, the indicated course of action becomes clear. The Administration must get off the defensive in the Walker case; it must shift the battleground from the defensive posture of justifying the "muzzling

of Walker" to an offensive posture supporting the basic American concept of separation of military personnel from partisan politics. To shift the posture from defense to offense, consideration should be given to requesting Senator Russell to broaden the hearings to cover the problem of radical right infiltration of the Armed Services. As the Washington Post said on November 28th, the hearings "ought to be aimed not to determining whether General Walker and his imitators were improperly silenced by civilian authorities, but at determining how widely the infection they represent is spread in the armed services."

An alternative to getting Senator Russell to broaden the hearings would be for Secretary McNamara to start his own investigation of radical right Generals and Admirals. Those Generals and Admirals who have lost confidence in democracy and who feel that the danger to our country is treason at home rather than the strength of the international Communist movement abroad, should be warned against political ~~activity in any way, shape or form. This might have the effect of~~ causing the resignation of some of these Generals and Admirals which would certainly be in the national interest. At any rate, political activity after such warning would be grounds for dismissal from the service. Above all, the suggested investigation would give courage to the officers, old and young, who believe in democracy and in a non-political democratic Army.

Then, too, Secretary McNamara should try to take the offensive at the forthcoming hearings.* Secretary McNamara certainly has the right to be the first witness at the hearings. Instead of being on the

*Possibly the public release at this time of the Army's interrogation of General Walker would be helpful in this regard.

defensive concerning his muzzling of Walker, he should take the offensive by telling how action against Walker was too long delayed and how there is a serious problem in the Armed Services concerning persons who no longer believe in democracy. If, as suggested in the previous paragraph, Secretary McNamara has by that time instituted his own investigation of radical right Generals and Admirals, he should give a report of his plans in this regard. Whether or not he has instituted an investigation, he should make clear that the Defense Department's policy rejects these extreme right-wing organizations and rejects the views of those who participate in them. He should have those of the real top brass who share his views get right up behind him at the hearing and back him up. He should get the full support of the President. In this way, the hearings could be turned against those who presently plan to use them to help the right wing embarrass Secretary McNamara.

The strong posture against radical right Generals and Admirals suggested in this memorandum would go far to answer Soviet propaganda that American foreign policy is not in responsible hands and that there is a substantial "preventive war" group in the Pentagon which may ultimately get the upper hand. This strong posture would not only reassure our own allies, but might give support to factions within the Soviet Union that strive for a more flexible position on the Soviet's part.

2. The radical right and the Attorney General's subversive list.

The attorney General's list of subversive organizations is lending aid and comfort to the radical right. Although the radical right poses a far greater danger to the success of this country in its battle against international Communism than does the domestic

Communist movement, the latter have been branded subversive by the Government and the former have not. No one loses his job or is subjected to public obloquy because he joins one of these radical right groups; yet these groups can use the subversive list to get at liberals and moderates who twenty years earlier had joined some Communist "front" organization which looked patriotic and socially desirable. The list today is almost like a Good Housekeeping seal for the radical right. Whatever one's views may be toward the list, as long as it exists it should not remain one-sided and be permitted to work in favor of the radical right.

Under existing regulations, the Attorney General can only put an organization on the Attorney General's list if he finds, after notice and hearing, that it meets the standards of the list -- i.e., that the organization is "totalitarian, fascist, communist or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution . . . , or as seeking to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means." Certain of the radical right organizations may well meet one or more of these criteria. For example, the Birch Society appears to advocate the denial of constitutional rights by force and openly seeks to substitute some other form of society for existing democratic forms; to it democracy is "merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perpetual fraud." Three of the best known radical right groups are predicated upon secrecy: the Birch Society keeps its members secret; Hargis, head of the Christian Crusade, has announced plans for a secret fraternity with Greek letters; and the Minutemen which conduct guerilla warfare maneuvers also keeps its members secret. Then, too,

Birch operates on a monolithic or totalitarian system within the organization and other radical right groups may also so operate. These organizations have succeeded in promoting disaffection and, as in the case of General Walker, outright rebellion in the Army. There would thus appear to be adequate grounds for holding a hearing on one or more of these organizations to determine whether they should be listed. It might therefore be advisable for the Attorney General to announce at this time that he is going to investigate one or more of these organizations with a view to determining whether charges will be filed and hearings held on the question of listing one or more of these organizations. The mere act of indicating that an investigation will be made will certainly bring home to many people something they have never considered -- the subversive character of these organizations and their similarity to the listed groups on the left. To make this announcement before the hearings of the Armed Services Committee on ~~the muzzling of General Walker might well be an additional way to~~ take the offensive against Senator Thurmond and the radical right.

It is not known the extent to which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has planted undercover agents inside the radical right movement as it has inside the Communist Party and its allied organizations. If it has already done so, the information would be readily available upon which to draw up charges for a hearing against one or more of the radical right groups. If the Bureau has not as yet infiltrated these organizations, a longer time will of course be necessary to obtain the information for the charges, although much of the needed information is available through public sources. In any event, the announcement of the investigation would have an immediate salutary effect and the later announcement of the hearing or hearings might

have an even greater one. It is not unlikely that these groups will refuse information and otherwise act towards the Attorney General's procedures just exactly as the Communists have acted in the past. Nothing could better reveal to the public the true nature of these groups than defiant resistance to their government.

3. The flow of big money to the radical right should be dammed to the extent possible.

The growing power of radical right propagandists and groups is directly related to their expanding ability to secure large sums of money. As funds are a source of power to the radical right, action to dam up these funds may be the quickest way to turn the tide now running in their favor.

Benson's National Education Program, Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Hargis' Christian Crusade and William Volker Fund, Inc., are among the radical right groups which are reported ~~to have federal tax exemptions. It would appear highly doubtful,~~ to say the least, that any or all of these groups properly qualifies for a federal tax exemption. Prompt revocation in a few cases might scare off a substantial part of the big money now flowing into these tax exempt organizations.*

Then, too, corporate funds are used to put radical right views on the air for political rather than business reasons; propaganda is peddled far and wide under the guise of advertising. H. L. Hunt

*An additional suggestion in this regard might be considered. This would be the feasibility of including in the publicly available files of these tax-exempt organizations, their annual receipts and expenditures reports which can now be obtained only with great difficulty. Appropriately organized files available to the public would tend to create a little self-enforcement.

openly urges big business not to rely on contributions to finance the radical right but to use their advertising funds. The Internal Revenue Service sometime ago banned certain propaganda ads by electrical utilities as deductible expenses. Consideration might be given to the question whether the broadcast and rebroadcast of Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade rallies and similar rallies and propaganda of other groups is not in the same category.

A related question is that of free radio and television time for the radical right. Hargis' Christian Crusade has its messages reproduced by 70 radio stations across the country as public service features and Mutual Broadcasting System apparently gave him a special rate for network broadcasts. In Washington, D. C., radio station WEAM currently offers the "Known Your Enemy" program at 8:25 p.m., six days a week as a public service; in program No. 97 of this series the commentator advised listeners that Gus Hall of the Communist Party had evoked a plan for staffing the Kennedy Administration with his followers and that the plan was being carried out with success. Certainly the Federal Communications Commission might consider examining into the extent of the practice of giving free time to the radical right and could take measures to encourage stations to assign comparable time for an opposing point of view on a free basis. Incidentally, in the area of commercial (not free) broadcasting, there is now pending before the FCC, Cincinnati Station WLW's conduct in selling time to Life Line but refusing to sell time for the UAW program, "Eye Opener."

In addition to possible misuse of federal tax exemptions and the misuse of corporate funds for propaganda advertising, it seems not unlikely that corporation funds are flowing into the radical right in

other and covert ways. The President of Schick Razor Company, for example, has made it clear that "Dr. Schwarz will not lack for money while I'm around." And, finally, there is the big question whether Schwarz, Hargis, etc., are themselves complying with tax laws.

Adequate information on the financing of the radical right can only come from the inside of these organizations. As already indicated, it is not known whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation has undercover agents inside these organizations in the same manner and to the same degree as the Bureau has inside the Communist Party and other left-wing groups. Similarly, it is not known what the Treasury Department has done in the way of undercover operations to get at tax violations in the financing of these organizations. Likewise, it is not known whether the Federal Communications Commission has ever assembled information on the degree to which the radical right is getting free time without comparable expression of the opposing point of view.

~~Certainly, there is sufficient public information indicating possible~~ tax violations in this area and possible violations of FCC policies to justify the most complete check on these various means of financing the radical right.

4. The Administration should take steps to end the Minutemen.

Free speech is the essence of democracy, but armed bands are not the exercise of free speech. There is no warrant for permitting groups to organize into military cadres for the purpose of taking the law into their own hands.

It is not known whether the Minutemen will grow or whether they will fade out of the picture. They do, however, represent a dangerous precedent in our democracy. Consideration should be given to the question whether they are presently violating any federal laws and,

if not, to the Federal Government calling a conference of States where the Minutemen exist to see what action could be taken under state laws. There is, of course, the additional possibility, as indicated earlier, that the Minutemen might fall within the terms of the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

5. The domestic Communist problem should be put in proper perspective for the American people, thus exposing the basic fallacy of the radical right.

The radical right feeds upon charges of treason, traitors and treachery. It has its roots in a very real sense in the belief of the American people that domestic Communism has succeeded in betraying America and threatens its very survival. Putting the domestic Communist problem in proper perspective would do much to expose the basic fallacy of the radical right.

The Administration has inherited an extremely difficult problem and posture in this area. Executive and legislative speech-writers have automatically maximized the domestic Communist menace ever since World War II. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover, although he made an admirable recent statement concerning the radical right, exaggerates the domestic Communist menace at every turn and thus contributes to the public's frame of mind upon which the radical right feeds. Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, who continues in charge of internal security matters, has always maximized the domestic Communist menace. There is grave danger that the upcoming legal battle between the Department of Justice and the Communist Party over registration (particularly if there are additional indictments of individuals) will itself fan these same flames.

Each Administration since World War II has maximized the Communist problem. It will therefore be no easy task for the Administration to turn the corner and take a different attitude. But action along this line is necessary to contain and in the long-run to roll back the radical right. Without minimizing the Communist Party strength or potential in the thirties and forties, it has no capacity today to endanger our national security or defeat our national policies. There is no need for a further effort to dramatize the domestic Communist issue; the need now is to rein in those who have created the unreasoned fear of the domestic Communist movement in the minds of the American people and slowly to develop a more rational attitude toward the strength of this movement. Without forbidding dissenting officials from expressing a contrary viewpoint (and thus evoking charges of muzzling Hoover, etc.), an effort to take a more realistic view of domestic Communism by the leaders of the Administration would probably cause most of the Administration officials to fall into line and even some legislators might be affected thereby. Fifteen years of overstating a problem cannot be reversed overnight, but thoughtful handling can reduce tensions and misconceptions in this area, too.

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It would be the easier course to look the other way and say that the radical right will disappear when we solve our problems at home and abroad. But the radical right may, if it is not contained, make it more difficult, if not impossible, to solve our problems at home and abroad.

Efforts to deal with radical right Generals and Admirals and Minutemen, investigation to determine whether to list radical right organizations, efforts to dam the illegal flow of money in their

direction, efforts to set the domestic Communist problem in perspective -- all will evoke immediate charges of softness on Communism. But this is not a problem that can be swept under the rug. The Administration can no more combat the radical right by being "tough on domestic Communism" or appeasing radical right Generals than the Republican Administration was able to fight McCarthyism by its own excesses in this area. It is very late in the day to start dealing with these problems, but it will never get earlier.

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COMMUNISM FIGHTER**Major Bundy To Speak Here Saturday Night**

By EDITH BELL LOVE
Daily Mail Church Editor

One of America's outstanding Communism fighters, Maj. Edgar C. Bundy, former U. S. Air Force intelligence officer, will deliver an open lecture Saturday at 8 p.m. at Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Fretwell Dr., according to the church pastor, the Rev. Durell Fortner.

His subject will be: "The Communist Threat to American Internal Security."

BUNDY, OF Wheaton, Ill., entered the U. S. Armed Forces in Feb. 1941 and rose in rank from private to major, seeing over six years of active service in Air Force Intelligence in every major theater of war.

After returning to civilian life, he was invited in June 1949 by Sen. Kenneth McKellar, chairman U. S. Senate Appropriations Commission to testify before the full committee in Washington on the entire Far Eastern situation.

BUNDY PREDICTED under oath that South Korea would be attacked by the North Korean Communist forces which had been trained and equipped by the Soviets. The prediction was made one year and two days before it occurred. He also warn-

**MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY**

ed of the impending fall of China and scored the United States government at that time appeasement of the Soviet Union and failure to recognize the Communist threat in the Far East.

Major Bundy, who still holds a commission in the Air Force Reserve, is engaged in an active fight to wake the American people to the threat of Communism in their midst "before it is too late."

The public is invited to attend this lecture against Communism this Saturday, Oct. 26, at 8 p. m. at Beverly Hills Baptist Church.

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Bundy Cites Red Threat to Colleges

Edgar C. Bundy, lecturer on communism, said in a speech here last night the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation supports that action of the president of the University of Georgia in refusing to permit Communists to lecture on the university campus.

Bundy, a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and presently chairman of the Laymen's Council of the Church League of America, has testified before Senate investigative committees on Communist activities in the United States. He spoke last night before an audience at the Bible Baptist Church.

Bundy presented documented testimony from the House Committee on Un-American Activities warning of the objectives of the Communist party to destroy the internal security of the United States.

Bundy said that in testimony before the House committee, J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, said, "Several leaders of the Communist party . . . are appearing as guest speakers on campuses of leading American universities and colleges and are making recruits directly into the Communist party membership of American students."

Bundy quoted Hoover from the House testimony: "For that reason I do not believe that Communist spokesmen should be allowed to speak on our campuses."

Bundy said, "I charge that the newspapers in Atlanta would rather take the side of the students than that of the president of the university while never citing what Hoover had to say."

Quoting from testimony of Hoover released June 28, 1963, and taken last February, Bundy said, "The Soviet Union continues to carry out an espionage and intelligence attack against this country on a scale unequaled in history." In the pursuit of their objective, Bundy quoted Hoover as saying the Communists preach peaceful co-existence but they continue to apply and carry out an espionage effort, characterized by treachery, deceit and unlawful activities in an attempt to obtain information concerning the security of this country.

Bundy said the Kennedy administration has not pursued convictions of Communists under existing laws because "they are busy with other activities which bring in more votes."

Bundy said Hoover spoke of "a realistic need for further tightening of our security on the homefront." Bundy declared: "This gives the lie to those who charge that there is no internal security leak and that conservative groups are dealing in witch hunts."

Bundy added, "It is not that we do not have the truth; the fact is that the truth, by and large, is not being taken to the American people by many segments of responsible news media."

Bundy is presently on a 105-city tour of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. He distributed copies of Hoover's testimony and other documents concerning the Communist threat to the United States after the meeting last night.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-430) (C)

SUBJECT: MAJOR EDGAR C. BUNDY
General Chairman
Church League of America
Wheaton, Illinois
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

DATE: 12/19/63

For information of the Bureau, there are transmitted herewith newspaper clippings appearing in the 12/11/63 issue of The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla., and the 12/12/63 issue of The Brandon News, Brandon, Florida.

On 12/16/63 [redacted] Fla., telephonically contacted the Tampa Division stating he had heard speech delivered by captioned individual at Brandon, Fla., on 12/15/63, and that BUNDY appeared to be critical of the United States government and the FBI.

Upon being interviewed on 12/17/63, [redacted] was unable to cite specific remarks made by BUNDY. He explained that some of these comments were "too deep" and he was unable to understand them. [redacted] said that there were 137 persons in attendance at the Brandon Civic Center, Brandon, Fla., where subject delivered his talk, and suggested contact with [redacted] who also attended, and could furnish better information.

On 12/17/63, [redacted] Brandon-Limona Veterinarian Hospital, Route 1, Box 632, Limona, Fla., advised that BUNDY's talk concerning communism in the churches was to the effect that the public should look out for communist front organizations.

BUNDY, according to [redacted] praised the FBI, but was critical of Justice EARL WARREN for assuming the position he had on the Presidential Commission in connection with the investigation of President KENNEDY's assassination, and also criticized DREW PEARSON for his

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attacks against the FBI.

[redacted] stated that BUNDY was recruited for the public speaking engagement at Brandon by A. B. MC REYNOLDS, who also delivers similar talks around the Brandon area. [redacted] described both BUNDY and MC REYNOLDS as right wing individuals. (See Bufile captioned A. B. MC REYNOLDS, Christian Freedom Academy, Box 888, Brandon, Florida, RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS))

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[redacted] furnished no information indicating subject made any statement alleging association with the Bureau or access to Bureau files.

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SPEAKER LASHES OUT AT AREA GROUPS**Government Agencies
Attacked For Spurning FBI
Tips On Reds**By IRENE ALBERT
Sun Staff Writer

Speaking on the Communist threat to America's internal security, Major E. C. Bundy last night attacked government agencies at all levels for failing to act on information made available to them by J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI and other reputable sources.

He told an audience at Clearwater High School that Communist agents have invaded every facet of American life; that they are to be found in the schools and churches, on the

campuses, among business and cultural groups, the "intelligentsia," and well-to-do citizens in positions of "opinion molding" influence.

Groups Accused

Deploring this as an era of "attack the right and forget the left" — when conservative groups are accused of being hate-mongers "because they put their God and their country first" — the former U.S. Air Force intelligence officer and present chairman of the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America said there are now 10,000 hard core party members in the United States. He reported an additional 100,000 fellow travelers, sympathizers, "dopes and dupes," who operate under a cloak of respectability as American citizens and contribute to the success of Soviet fifth column activities within our borders.

Beaming heavily throughout his discourse on quotations from Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit," the major warned that although there has been a decline in membership in the Communist party U.S.A. since 1945, Americans should not be lulled into a sense of false security "because the party wields an influence out of all proportion to its numbers."

Front Organizations

He reported more than 1,200 Communist front organizations in this country since 1935 and said that the U.S. Attorney General's office last year listed some 600 as still active. He also said that at present 200 new Communist front and infiltrated groups are under investigation by the FBI, "which is forbidden by law to open its files to the American people." He cited many of these groups as national in scope — "transmission belts for the Communist conspiracy" — with chapters in

cities throughout the country.

In connection with left-wing activities, Major Bundy mentioned several area groups and two Pinellas County residents by name — one of them a Clearwater resident, the other on the faculty of a university in the area — but warned the press that public mention of their names in this connection would make the offending newspaper subject to action for libel. He said that to safeguard the interpretation of his statements his entire talk was being tape-recorded.

Scored Media

The major also scored the nation's mass media for not reporting more fully the warnings from responsible sources regarding Communism in the United States, and charged that in an hour-long television pro-

gram, Edward R. Murrow and CBS made a "martyr" of Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, recent winner of the \$50,000 Fermi award, who had never had his security clearance restored by the government.

To combat this Communist threat to America's internal security, Major Bundy recommended "tax deductible contributions" of \$10 and up to the Church League of America, whose national headquarters are in Wheaton, Ill. He said the organization has "five tons of files" on subversive activities and is in a position to compile reports (for which there is a charge) on left-wing suspects in the United States.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. Francis Hoare and the invocation pronounced by the Rev. Robert Coleman.

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Noted Anti-Commie Figure Will Speak Here Sunday

Edgar C. Bundy, a former U. S. Air Force major who is one of the best-known anti-Communism lecturers in the nation, will speak Sunday at 3 p.m., at Erandon Civic Center.

Title of Bundy's speech is "The Communist Threat to American Internal Security," and the public has been urged to attend by A. B. McReynolds, Bloomingdale-Brandon resident who also is a well-known anti-Communism speaker.



BUNDY

Bundy attended Florida public schools and was graduated from Wheaton College, Ill. He entered the Air Force in 1941, and served six years in AF Intelligence in major theaters of World War II.

He has testified before both Houses of Congress, and under oath predicted invasion of South Korea by North Korea Communists a year before the invasion took place. He also warned of the impending fall of China and objected to the "appeasement of the Soviet Union and the failure to recognize the Communist threat" in the Far East.

In 1958, Bundy published a documented book entitled "Concretivism in the Church."

es," allegedly exposing the extent to which Communist propaganda has penetrated religious groups and institutions.

Bundy is a Baptist and is a former newspaper editor.

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TO ENEMY IN TIME OF WAR. FOOD IS FUNDAMENTAL WEAPON OF WAR.
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VIRGINIA TODAY. THIS IS TREASONOUS ACT. YOU ARE CHARGED WITH
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YOUR DUTY IS TO APPREHEND THOSE RESPONSIBLE. IF YOUR STATEMENT
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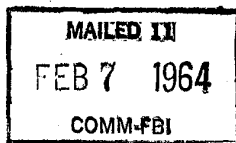
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Dear 

Your letter of February 3rd has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment as you suggested.

In addition, information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In this regard, I can assure you that Mr. Edgar C. Bundy has never had access to our files.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Bundy, General Chairman of the Church League of America, claims to have formerly been a Major in the Air Force Intelligence. He is a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country on communism and the Bureau receives frequent inquiries concerning him. The Church League of America has not been investigated by the Bureau. Young Americans for Freedom reportedly was established in September, 1960, and its purpose to enlist members from every campus and community and to organize programs to develop local conditions which will achieve conservative objectives. Available material does not indicate that this group is subversive and it has not been investigated.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Young Americans for Freedom and Church League of America.

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17 February 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Can you inform us as to whether or
not there are any other States besides North
Carolina and Ohio which have passed laws pro-
hibiting the appearance of communist speakers
on State-supported university and college
campuses?

Very truly yours,

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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Oakdale Christian High School
Route 1, Box 288
Jackson, Kentucky 41339

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 18th, with enclosures, has been received.

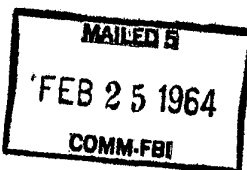
Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to furnish the endorsement you requested. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret we are unable to help you but trust you will understand.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Of course, Major Edgar C. Bundy is well known to the Bureau. He is a professional anticommunist with whom we have absolutely nothing to do.

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Willard F. Trepus, Principal

February 18, 1964

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Dear Sir:

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The Torchbearers Club of the Oakdale Christian High School is sponsoring Major Edgar Bundy, as lecturer on April 10 and 11, 1964.

Edgar C. Bundy

It is the desire of the Torchbearers that you personally give a paragraph in writing indorsing his work. It may be that you could not go on record as such. If so, you may have some other way of giving your mark of approval.

We will comply explicitly to any request on your part as to any statement. It is our desire to use this in our publicity work prior to Major Bundy's coming.

Sincerely yours,

Willard F. Trepus

Willard F. Trepus, Principal and Sponsor of Torchbearers Club.
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DR. BYRON S. LAMSON TO GIVE
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

General Missionary Secretary, Byron S. Lamson will be commencement speaker on May 20 at the Oakdale Free Methodist Church.

Since 1944 Dr. Lamson has directed the missionary endeavor of the Free Methodist Church and traveled extensively throughout the world.

Besides his activities which include missionary conventions, Dr. Lamson has published several books. VENTURE tells of the missionary program of the denomination. The recent book TO CATCH THE TIDE is the story of the World Fellowship.



WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Jesus was sent to earth to give
Salvation's plan, that man might live.
Though of the Heavenly throne was He,
Christ gave His life to set us free.
He was subject to pain and trials,
Beatings and mocking, yet spoke no vile.

He stumbled on beneath the load
The people did not seem to care;
The cross on which He was to die—
My sin had put it there.

Spikes cruelly driven through hands and
feet.

How could that be fair?
Guiltless and blameless, the Savior of men,
Yet my sin had put Him there.

A host of angels He could have called
To take Him away from Calvary,
But on the cross He bore my sin,
The wonderful man of Galilee.

What will you do with this Galilean?
Yes, the One Who died for you!
So many reject the Son of God!
Answer....What will you do?

—Dale Bidwell, Senior

FACULTY VACATIONS

A number of the staff members of Oakdale Christian High School will be traveling throughout the United States this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Trepus and family will be in California and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson will go to North Chili, New York, to see their daughter and son-in-law graduate from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Lillian Hoffman will continue taking graduate studies in the state of Oregon. She will spend part of the summer with her parents there.

Anita Jarrett will return to the University of Kentucky where she is taking library science.

Mrs. Jeannette Stratford will return to Eastern State College for the summer sessions.

Any church desiring staff members as speakers at your church during the summer months should contact our business office; Route 1, Box 288 Jackson, Kentucky.

FORMER TEACHER PUBLISHES CANTATA

Most of the beautiful music released this fall in the Christmas cantata, "The Word Made Flesh," was written while Miss Dorothy Wheeler was a member of the staff at Oakdale. Miss Wheeler spent several years at two different times teaching piano, art, Bible, and directing the choir.

Many of the pieces found in "The Word Made Flesh" were used first by choir groups at Christmas times here when Miss Wheeler directed the choir. The first time the cantata was given was Christmas, 1957, and those who took part as well as the many who heard the production will never forget the thrill of hearing "Little Grey Donkey," "Glory to God," "Little White Lamb," and the other pieces.

Congratulations, Miss Wheeler, that you have made it possible for others to enjoy your inspiration! A number of churches have already used it this past Christmas season and others will want to do so in the coming years. "The Word Made Flesh" was presented on the Light and Life Hour world-wide broadcast, Dec. 23. Anyone interested may write to Vesper Publications, 35262 Acadia Avenue, Yucaipa California.

NOTICE

There are openings in our boarding school for high school students of high Christian character desiring to attend a school of good scholastic and spiritual rating.

Please apply to Willard Trepus, Principal, Oakdale Christian High School, Rt. 1, Box 288, Jackson, Kentucky.

THE TRIP TO GREENVILLE

Bright and early on the eleventh day of January, some sleepy basketball players and cheerleaders made their way to the cars that were ready to take them to Greenville College in Illinois. The purpose of their trip was not only to play Central High School from McPherson, Kansas at Greenville, but also to look over the college and campus, which is one of our Free Methodist Schools.

The trip was made without mishap and upon arrival we were welcomed with a cordial greeting. After getting settled down to some extent, the ball team made themselves at home by having a short practice session in the H. J. Long Gymnasium.

The following day, we were taken around the campus on a guided tour. The campus and buildings were impressive and beautiful. That night, the basketballers of Oakdale met a little more than they could handle against a strong opposing team. Central won, but we put up a battle, despite a score of 72 to 53 at the end of the game.

Even though we met defeat on the basketball floor, our purpose for going was not defeated. Some prospective students were introduced to the college and everyone enjoyed the stay at Greenville tremendously.

—Don Stottsberry



Homer Markey, Homer Jr., Rev. Chase Pearce Memorial S. S.

"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE"

Oakdale has been the recipient of many blessings the last several months by groups from churches throughout the nation. We cannot recognize all of them here, but wish to say, "Many Thanks! You have made us very happy."

During Thanksgiving when most of you were enjoying a vacation at home, two cars from Ransomville Sunday School and F.M.Y. drove down and brought canned goods, vegetables, and fruit. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zink were promoters for this project.

The Pearce Memorial Sunday School went all out to give Oakdale a wonderful Christmas. Early planning by Organizer Homer Markey and his committee brought a trailer load of items such as: Photographic equipment for the dark room, books for Oakdale's library, and personalized gifts for staff and children.

Thanks to Mr. Oliver Singleton of Pennsylvania for the fine aluminum ware received for the kitchen.

YEARBOOK CLINIC

Mrs. Willard Trepus and several from Oakdale attended the Kentucky High School Yearbook Clinic at the University of Kentucky on March 9.

These sessions were not only informative and helpful but also fun and educational.

An enthusiastic group of approximately 400 college and high school students, yearbook advisors, editors, and staff members filled the ballroom of the student Union Building to hear discussions on the Preparation of better publications.

Among those attending from Oakdale were Lois Odermann, Charleen Zimmer, John Green, Davis Ferguson, and Mr. Gordon Bowman, Acorn workers for next year.

BUY AN ANNUAL?

The ACORN, our yearbook, will provide glimpses into many different school aspects. Those interested in securing copies may purchase them at \$3.00 per copy by writing to the school.

—Acorn Staff

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PLASTIC CLASSROOM UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Boys enrolled in our agricultural classes are busily constructing a new-type plastic greenhouse, under the supervision of their instructor, David Tullar. It will make use of a method being tested by the University of Kentucky, eliminating the need for artificial supplementary heat during the winter months. When the greenhouse, measuring 20' by 50', is completed, the class will fertilize the soil, plant the seed, check growth at weekly intervals, and help harvest the crops.

This will not rob them of valuable classroom instruction; on the contrary, it will provide the opportunity to put in practice the principles learned in the classroom. This method of practical application has proved its value already in frequent sessions with the laying flock and livestock at the school farm. Until now, it has been impossible to work with plants and soil management during the school months. A greenhouse will provide a "year-round garden" — truly, a plastic classroom.

—David Tullar

AN UNUSUAL VACATION?

This summer, if you would like to have an unusual but exciting vacation, may we suggest that you come to Oakdale? There is never a dull moment on our campus. Those of you who would like to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life would enjoy the quietness of our campus and farm. There are many jobs that need to be done, but so few hands to do them. If you can do masonry work, carpentry, gardening, painting, work in flower beds, help in Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday Schools, or cooking, I am sure you will fit in with our summer schedule.

Our staff members work long hours during the school term and, except for a few short weeks in the summer, spend their "vacations" getting the campus ready for the new school term. If you have a real desire to do missionary work and want an inexpensive vacation, Oakdale will give you room and board in exchange for your much-needed help this summer.

Will you be a missionary for a day, a week, a month? God will richly reward you.

Please notify us of your change of address. When you do, remember to give both your old and new address. Returns cost money.

FORMER STUDENTS VISIT CAMPUS

A number of the graduates of the class of 1962 have spent some time on our campus recently.

Coming from Spencer, Iowa, were Kendall and Wendall Keir. They aptly expressed their appreciation of the school by saying, "We surely have many fond memories of the school; the close fellowship of the teachers and students will long be remembered."

Johnnie and Ernie Gross of War Creek, Kentucky, now employed in Washington, D.C., have made visits to the campus each time they have visited with their parents.

Virginia Kahl, now a student at the Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute, has been a frequent visitor to her alma mater. At Christmas time, June Miller and Gerda Bryant spent a day with us.

One graduate expressed her opinion of the school when she wrote: "You tried to tell us how important it was to apply ourselves, mentally, physically, and spiritually, but we just couldn't see. Now that we have left OCHS, we appreciate her high standards—scholastically and spiritually. If I could just live those years all over again!"

CANDLE HOLDERS FOR SALE

The Shop I and II classes have spent many hours making tiered candle holders from cedar wood which comes from the trees on our Oakdale Valley Farm. These holders are three-tiered and hold five candles. They sell for two dollars a pair. Orders may be sent to Mr. Willard Trepus, Route 1 Box 288, Jackson, Kentucky.

NEWS FLASH!

The Rev. A. C. Pounds, Jr., Pastor of the Oakdale Church, will re-enter the evangelistic field in the fall of this year. A successor has not yet been named. Your prayers for the leadership of the Holy Spirit are desired. Churches wishing to engage Brother Pounds for revival meetings can do so by writing him: Route 1, Box 288, Jackson, Kentucky.

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TORCHBEARERS CLUB A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL

Now in its second year of existence, the Torchbearers Club has endeavored to increase its program and influence here in Oakdale Christian High School and the surrounding community.

In our meetings this year we have endeavored to analyze, discuss, and pass on to others information about our country and the world threat to democracy and our American Heritage. We have not only studied the threats to our heritage, but also the values, responsibilities, and opportunities that are ours, as young Americans.

In doing this, we have had tape recordings, book reviews, panel discussions, and films. The first film we viewed was "Operation Abolition," which we were able to show to the entire high school. In a school assembly, we sponsored a panel discussion on the Cuban Crisis. We were able to reach the community through the film "The John Noble Story," which was shown in the church.

We had a very challenging tape record-

ing of Dr. Frank Laubach, on the world health program. Some of the other films we viewed were "The Red Sell," "The Spy Next Door," and "The Fall of China."

Our organization has met twice a month in the Home Economics room. Often we have eaten lunch together, having our meetings between twelve and one o'clock. This organization is open to young people between the ages of 13 and 23. Our chapter has a good library which is accessible to all members.

Our sponsor is Miss Lillian Hoffman, the teacher of History and Home Economics. The officers are: Marty Trepus, President; John Green, Vice-President; Joyce Neace and Lois Odermann, Secretaries; Lillian Stratford, Historian; Dale Bidwell, Librarian.

All in all the Torchbearers organization has made a real contribution to the students and school. It is the most popular club on the campus.

POSSESSIONS

Where are your treasures? How much do you really possess? In what do you put your trust? What holds value for you? Can we count our possessions in dollars and cents?

As Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth, he put it thus: "...as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Since each one must answer the above questions for himself, we trust you will let us help you as you contemplate on them. The Class of '63 would appreciate your presence on Saturday evening, April 13, in Rhodes Hall where they will be presenting:

"FOR HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS"



OAKDALE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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WHY A CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL?

I have listened to talks on Christian Education. I have read the stories in "Teen Time" and "Evangel." I have read the articles in "Youth in Action" and in "The Free Methodist." I have wondered why our concept of Christian Education seems to be that those fellows and girls who survive the secular public high school without losing all interest in God and religion, should then, of course, go on to a Christian college for their further training. Why don't we concentrate on Christian environment and Christian training at the high school level? Do not our leaders know that the high school years are the most decisive years in a person's life? Don't they know that most of the young people from our homes and from our Sunday schools, when they graduate from high school, have already made the decisions which pretty well determine the pattern of the lives they will lead in this world - and their eternal destinies as well?

Don't they know that we lose most of them (even though some may continue to attend church or Sunday school) during those years in the secular public high school?

Yes, I believe our leaders know these things. You and I know them. Then, why don't we do more about Christian high school education? I do not, of course, have all the answers, but here are five pertinent ones:

1. The financial load of establishing enough Christian high schools to supply the needs of all the youth from our homes and from our Sunday schools would be staggering. We feel sure we couldn't do it for all, so we do practically nothing.
2. Many parents feel they cannot afford to send their boys and girls to a Christian high school. The tax-supported public high school is free, well staffed, and well equipped, with the transportation free, in most cases. They have to pay extra for Christian education, and feel they can't afford it, especially when there are two or three in high school at the same time.
3. Most parents don't want to send their young people away from home at such an early age.

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CHAPLAINS

The Chaplaincy Corps was organized here at Oakdale one year ago. One purpose of the corps was to help those in our dorms to reach new heights in their spiritual life.

Chaplains were chosen by the advisors on the basis of their personal testimony, and qualities of leadership. The thought is that the problems the students have are sometimes easier to talk over with someone of the same age group.

Not only does this benefit those in need, but it puts a challenge into the chaplain's life and brings a blessing to their souls.

Our advisors are Miss Jarrett and Mr. Schroeter. In the girls' dorm, the chaplains are Kay Marlow and Marilyn Bishop. In the boys' dorm, they are John Green and Dale Shelar.

Pray for these people, for their effectiveness is in the concern and prayer behind them. --John Green, Jr.-Sr. Boys' Chaplain

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Alumni Night - May 30th
All alumni and friends
are invited!
Reunion for class of '59
Baccalaureate - May 31st
Commencement - June 1st

- Some do not recognize the danger of the public high school, and if they do, many parents are quite sure they can offset the influence of the secular high school by the influence of their home and by insistence on regular attendance at church and Sunday school. In rare cases this has worked, but many fine Christian parents who have tried it have seen their boys and girls slip away from them in spite of their best efforts - through the influence of the secular public high school. An almost necessary condition for success is to have a sizeable group of Christian kids who stick together, and who have an active Christian witness.
- Most homes do not have the rigid discipline that must of necessity be maintained in a Christian school at the high school level. Also, many of the kids themselves become pretty well secularized even before they reach high school age, and they don't want the discipline of a Christian high school (much as they need it); so they don't. Then, when they have finished the secular high school, they don't choose a Christian college either.

The world is worldly; it always was and always will be. Secular education is secular, or worldly. Perhaps atheism isn't taught in the classroom, but secularism is. Pleasure, money, recognition in this world - these are the goals of secular education. Fill the teenager's mind with these and there is no room for the Christian concept of an absolute and utter dedication and devotion to God, for a life of service to others.

This Christian concept is taught in the Christian high school, and exemplified in lives of dedication and devotion on the part of faculty and staff. There is the strong spiritual atmosphere, instead of the pull of the world. Having a Christian testimony is the normal, expected thing, instead of something that sets one apart as a "square," and there is training for Christian service. At this age, boys and girls need more of this than they will get through home or church. The Christian high school is the only means of supplying this need.

If I must choose between the Christian high school and the Christian college for my children, I will choose the Christian high school because it fills the most strategic need. Thank God, I don't have to make this choice. Mine shall have both.

C. E. Odermann, Kentucky - Tennessee Conference Superintendent

THANK YOU

To our many friends we cannot go,
And our thankfulness is hard to show,
But with words we will try to say
"Thank you to all" in a brand new way.

To you who came our school to see,
And you who brought your gifts so free,
Like squash, and apples, and other food,
And many other useful gifts so good.

To you who S&H green stamps gladly gave,
And Betty Crocker coupons freely gave,
To you who at Christmas, when snow was in
drifts,
Gave generous, loving, and thoughtful gifts.

To each of you who from day to day,
Remember our students and school when you pray

To all of you, we wish to say:
"May the blessing of God be yours always."
Margaret Miller, Sec.

P.S. We still need S&H green stamp books.

BETROTHAL TOLD

The staff members, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stratford, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katharine, to Mr. Gerald Collette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Collette of McPherson, Kansas. Katharine was graduated from Oakdale in the class of '62. Gerry was graduated from Central Junior College of McPherson, Kansas. Both are currently students at Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois. Katharine is majoring in elementary education. Gerry is planning to teach high school mathematics.

An August wedding is planned. The couple will make their first home together in Greenville, Illinois.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

At the annual Thanksgiving dinner, Principal Willard F. and Dale Trepus made the formal announcement of the engagement of their daughter Kathleen M. to Norman N. Engell, son of Rev. Norman H. Engell of Mt Pleasant, Pennsylvania. Kathleen is a graduate of O.C.H.S. class of '61 and is now a junior at Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, New York. Her major is music. Norman, a senior, is also attending Roberts and is majoring in mathematics. Both Kathleen and Norman are planning on returning to the Oakdale campus as teachers.

The wedding will take place June seventh, in the DeCan Chapel on the Oakdale campus.

OAKDALE GETS A BUS

Late in November we received word from Mr. Tullar's father that he had located a good used school bus for Oakdale near his home in Western New York. Contacts were made along the route to make use of the bus in bringing to the school used clothing and refrigeration equipment for our proposed walk-in freezer. It was a profitable trip and the bus has been in constant use since its arrival on campus.

"THE MASTER CALLS"

From two senior citizens who have given wholeheartedly time out of their retirement years have come these words to challenge you: senior citizens, teachers, builders, those who would like a profitable vacation, these words have been penned. Will you accept the challenge?

Rise up, ye servants of God!
Be done with lesser things;
Give heart, soul, mind and strength
To serve the King of King.

Rise up, ye servants of God!
Oakdale for you awaits.
Recruits are needed for her task,
Help us make Oakdale great.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lake



ADULT SEWING CLASS

Every Tuesday morning for ten weeks several ladies from the community have boarded the busses to attend the adult sewing class at Oakdale Christian High School. Each lady made a cotton dress during the series of classes, as a way of learning some new sewing skills. The class met in the Home Economics room from 8:30 to 10:00 a. m. and closed with a devotional time. Those participating in the class were: Martha Lutes, Louise Roberts Lilly Mae Noble, Dorothy Mullins, Lucille Gabbard. and Mattie White.

For several years the staff of OCHS has been interested in meeting the requests for adult classes. It is hoped that more classes will be offered in the future.

a. SENIOR SPEAKS OUT.....

"I certainly thank God for ever speaking to my heart and showing me that I had a real soul need. I thank God for sending old-fashioned conviction to my heart which caused me to come to an altar of prayer, confess, and forsake my sins. I am glad to say that He forgave me of my sins, lifted me out of the miry clay, and set my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus.

"I am also glad to say that God showed me that I needed to have the inbred sin nature eradicated. I asked the Lord to perform this eradication and He did. I can report up-to-date victory.

David Kimberlin

*We of the staff thank
God for victories like this.*

MEYERS - MICHIGAN TRIP

Again the Lord fulfilled His promise to us. "Seek ye first the Kingdom...."

We left Oakdale Valley Farm October 31 to go to Michigan for produce for the school, trusting the Lord to supply our need. We took with us the two little ones we have been caring for these past several months.

Little Wayne became ill, necessitating hospitalization and it was a busy time. There was the rounding up of produce, and the holding of services and the Lord blessed our souls in a wonderful way. We spoke in four churches showing slides of the Oakdale work, emphasizing that we are stressing the standard of holiness.

Again this year we realized how willingly people give if they know the need. As we loaded the carryall with boxes of clothing and the truck with apples, potatoes, onions, and carrots, topped with about 50 bales of straw (needed so much in Kentucky), our hearts were filled with praise to our heavenly Father.

THE PASTOR WRITES

Why Oakdale? This question has been asked over and over again since we accepted this pastorate. Let me emphasize three facts in answering.

First. Oakdale has a purpose for being. We are not competing with any other schools or churches. We are minding God! Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, young people are coming to Oakdale Christian High School from many states. Here they receive not only an education, but also an opportunity to become established in the things of the Lord. Here, sanctified teachers give not only their best, but also themselves to the challenge of making these young people the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

Second. Oakdale Christian High School has a mission! We are not a church, a school, and a community. We are a solid front, united for the purpose of making Jesus known to a lost and dying world.

We are not visionary - we have a vision!

We are not day-dreaming - "The day is at hand!

We are not complainers - we are conquerors! We desire the souls of lost men and women, boys and girls at home and around the world. This is our mission!

Third. Oakdale Christian High School has a message. Emphasized from the pulpit, from the classroom, and from the pew is the experience of a clean heart made possible by the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost. First, last, and always, this is our message - holiness unto the Lord.

Thus as we are asked the "why" of Oakdale, we can answer with radiant countenance: We have a purpose: we have a mission: we have a message."

Pastor, Marvin G. Wheeler.

BONARO W. OVERSTREET
1308 FIDDLER'S GREEN
LAKE BARCROFT
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

February 20, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Is any copy available, at this late date, of an article of yours that appeared in Redbook Magazine in February 1949, under the title "God or Chaos?" If the supply has not been exhausted, we would greatly appreciate receiving a copy.

We have been reading -- with considerable distress of mind, I must confess -- a Special Report to All Church League Supporters, authored by Edgar C. Bundy. He quotes from this article of yours a paragraph that we would like to see in its full context. We would also like to be able to check on whether the italics in it are yours or his; for they do not seem, somehow, like ones that you would have put in. If we saw the paragraph in its context, however, we might discover that you had a reason for the italics.

In any event, when we compare the paragraph with, for example, your article in the Christian Herald of January 1962 -- "Let's Fight Communism Sanely!" -- we feel that the difference in emphasis probably reflects a difference in the time-settings of the two pieces. In any case, we do need to be able to compare one whole with another whole, and not just a paragraph with a whole. Hence, this request.

With cordial best wishes from both of us,

Sincerely,

Bonaro Overstreet
Mrs. H.A. Overstreet

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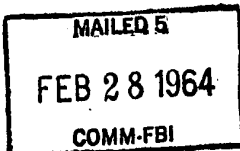
Dear Mrs. Overstreet:

I have received your letter of February 20th requesting a copy of "God or Chaos?"

Our supply of this article was exhausted a long time ago and it has not been distributed by the FBI for a number of years. However, since you desire to know the exact context of my statement, we have made a copy which is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

NOTE: The Bureau is well acquainted with Mr. Harry A. and Mrs. Bonaro Overstreet. We are also well acquainted with Edgar C. Bundy, a professional anticommunist with whom we have absolutely no dealings. We are aware that in 1961 he circulated a "Special Report to all Church League Supporters" attacking Louis Cassels who has written articles suggesting that the communist influence in religion is not as great as some of the right wing extremists have claimed. In this paper, Bundy attacked Assistant Director Sullivan. He quoted from "God or Chaos?" which appeared in "Redbook Magazine" in 1949. His quotation is the third paragraph on page 7 of this article beginning, "Many Communist fronts..." and ended with the next to last sentence in the paragraph. Bundy added emphasis to the first word Many and to the words --in the churches --in the second sentence. Although we have not distributed this article for a long time, a copy is being sent to the Overstreets so they will be able to see the entire article and the manner in which this quotation was taken out of context.

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MYERS G. LOWMAN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
CIRCUIT RIDERS, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 2/12/64 at 8:37 a.m., Mr. MYERS G. LOWMAN called the New Orleans Office from Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mr. LOWMAN advised he was from Cincinnati and had telephonically contacted Mrs. LOWMAN in Cincinnati during the early morning of 2/12/64. During this conversation Mrs. LOWMAN advised her husband that on the night of 2/11/64 she was listening to a radio broadcast which she believed originated in Chicago. The speaker was allegedly EDGAR BUNDY (ph) and, according to Mrs. LOWMAN, the speaker made some reference of having "been in the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C." Mr. LOWMAN stated that according to his wife the tenor of BUNDY's remarks was to the effect that he had been able to gain access to the FBI Laboratory while others were not allowed to visit this part of the FBI headquarters.

Mr. LOWMAN stated he is aware that visitors to the FBI Building in Washington, D.C. are escorted through a portion of the FBI Laboratory during the course of a regular tour of FBI facilities.

Mr. LOWMAN stated he was furnishing the above to this office in the event the FBI desired to obtain a tape of the above mentioned broadcast and review same.

The New Orleans Office is not in a position to evaluate Mr. LOWMAN's information. In the event the Bureau desires that the tape of the aforementioned broadcast be located, it is suggested that the Bureau direct the Cincinnati Office to contact Mrs. LOWMAN in order to secure as much identifying data as

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possible. In this regard, all Mr. LOWMAN could supply was that his wife was probably listening to some radio station late at night as she has the habit of so doing, utilizing a small transistor radio she keeps on a table beside her bed.

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-99405)
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Re MO letter 2/12/64 and Bureau airtel 2/18/64.

On 2/19/64, MEYERS G. LOWMAN advised SA THOMAS P. SCOLIARD that at approximately midnight, 2/11/64, Mrs. LOWMAN was listening to the radio in her home. She changed frequencies for selection of an appealing program and in so doing recognized the voice of EDGAR C. BUNDY known to her as a person connected with the Church League of America of Wheaton, Illinois. Mrs. LOWMAN recognized from subsequent conversation on the program that BUNDY was a guest. BUNDY discussed information concerning the testimony of FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER before the Appropriations Committee. BUNDY indicated to the audience that the information he was imparting was not available to the general public. However, he had certain Washington, D.C., contacts of both major political parties in the U.S. who made it possible for him to obtain this information. BUNDY announced to the audience that if they would write to the Church League of America at Wheaton, Illinois, he would send copies of the information he was discussing to them.

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LOWMAN stated Mrs. LOWMAN also recalled BUNDY making statements concerning his knowledge of the "FBI Laboratories in Washington, D.C." which is identical to that set out in referenced New Orleans letter.

LOWMAN stated Mrs. LOWMAN stated to him that the program she was listening to ended with the conclusion of remarks made by BUNDY, after which an individual announced "This is BOB ELSTON (PH), voice of labor in America." Mrs. LOWMAN felt certain this program was being broadcast by a radio station located in Chicago, Illinois.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 2-27-64

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Attached is a letter dated February 25, 1964, which has just been received from the captioned individual in which he makes reference to a news release of January 30, 1964, to the Associated Press by the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA. This Commission ^{allegedly} stated that members of their study committee had met with a representative of the FBI and were not able to discover facts that support charges of communist penetration of the National Council of Churches.

The Bureau's attention has heretofore been directed to this news release as is reflected in my memorandum dated January 31, 1964, which answered the Director's question in this connection. Attached is a copy of this memorandum which adequately describes the circumstances which were involved.

While Bundy in his letter pledges support to the Bureau and claims he has consistently defended the Bureau, this is only one of his tactics. He is no friend of the Bureau but his basic enmity through the years, particularly in the past two years, is reflected by his attacks on the Director and other Bureau officials for an allegedly soft stand on communism. He is a pious hypocrite who brags about being an ordained minister and a paragon of virtue but in fact is a sexual pervert and has been for years and these activities are well known to hundreds of ministers throughout the country.

It is not believed desirable to dignify his letter to us with a reply. We have not been acknowledging Bundy's recent letters to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Bundy's letter not be acknowledged.

Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

422 NORTH PROSPECT STREET • WHEATON, ILL.

February 25, 1964

Airmail

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There have recently come into this headquarters a deluge of letters from every corner of the United States, many from members of the Protestant-Episcopal Church, questioning a news release which was given out on January 30, 1964 to the Associated Press by a group calling itself the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention of the Protestant-Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

This commission stated "the members of our study committee met with personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but were not able to discover any fact or record that would support such charges", meaning charges that the National Council of Churches had been penetrated by communist influence or propaganda.

Perhaps you will recall that the House Committee on Un-American Activities conducted a full hearing for Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley Sharp on February 25, 1960 in relation to certain statements in the Reserve non-commissioned officers training manual on Internal Security.

At that time it was stated by the Chief Counsel of the House Committee, Mr. Richard Arens, that a check of committee sources and files showed that more than one hundred persons in leadership positions in the National Council of Churches had been associated with communist enterprises running into the thousands.

When the House Committee, under the chairmanship of the late Congressman Francis E. Walter, invited leaders of the National Council of Churches to appear under oath before this same committee, and deny the committee's documentation, these leaders of the National Council of Churches refused to do so.

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Edgar C. Bundy

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Memo Sullivan
To Belmont
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Page Two - Mr. Hoover

You will also recall that during your testimony before the Subcommittee on Appropriations of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1961 you were asked the question by Congressman Elford Cederberg of Michigan why the National Council of Churches and its leaders were "so naive toward the threat posed by communism in this country.

This question was followed by a detailed answer by yourself.

Although you did not mention the National Council of Churches specifically in your reply, the question was concerned, in the main, with the National Council of Churches.

Over a period of years the Church League of America, its officers, Board of Directors, and the countless thousands of members and supporters we have throughout the United States in every branch of the Christian faith, have whole-heartedly supported the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Director. We have defended it from the public platform, over radio and television, and in debates with communists and communist sympathizers throughout our country. We have avoided hysterical, unsupported, and undocumented charges or statements. We have reproduced the statements of the Director and his testimony before the various committees of the Congress, starting with his "Menace of Communism" given to the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947.

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We have written resolutions in the Illinois Department of the American Legion, in the Sons of the American Revolution and for other patriotic groups in this country supporting the F.B.I.

Consistently, we have told all of our audiences, orally and in print, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not furnish evaluations or comments on any organization or individual. We have cited your own letters to us, your statements to the Committees of the Congress, and your statements to the press in this regard. We have told them that the F.B.I. can only gather data, process it, and send reports to the Executive Agencies entitled to receive such information.

We cannot believe that the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. would be given evaluations or comments on the National Council of Churches by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, from personnel which are not identified in the press dispatches. This, of course, would be in violation of the rules governing the conduct of the Bureau as stated by yourself time and time again.

In order to answer the many hundreds of letters which have come into this headquarters from concerned Episcopalians and members of other branches of the Christian Church, we would appreciate a statement of clarification in regard to the meeting of the Joint Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. with "personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-99405)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (100-11382)(C)

SUBJECT: MEYERS G. LOWMAN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
CIRCUIT RIDERS, INC.
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

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Re Bureau airtel, 2/18/64, and Cincinnati airtel,
2/20/64.

Enclosed for the information of the Chicago Office
is a mailing envelope addressed to [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio, from the Church League of America,
Wheaton, Illinois, postmarked February 28, 1964.

MEYERS G. LOWMAN furnished this envelope and
contents to the Cincinnati Office by mail on 3/2/64, and
advised by handwritten note that [redacted] is a contact of
his and he requested her to write to EDGAR G. BUNDY enclosing
25-cents to receive information from BUNDY as requested by
BUNDY on the radio program heard by Mrs. LOWMAN on 2/11/64,
as set out in referenced Cincinnati airtel.

For the information of the Bureau, contents of the
above envelope are as follows:

- (1) Copy of Hearings Before a Subcommittee of the
Committee on Appropriations, House of
Representatives, 86-8th Congress, First Session,

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containing testimony of FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER. It is noted that this document appears to be an offset reproduction of the original and it contains various underlining, asterisks, and parentheses, apparently made on the original by BUNDY.

- (2) Vol. 27, No. 2, dated February, 1964, issue of "News and Views", self-described as published monthly by the National Layman's Council of the Church League of America.
- (3) One page leaflet entitled "The Great Debate 'Communism and Liberalism in the Churches'".
- (4) One page leaflet entitled "Four Great New Films Now Available For Rental and For Purchase".
- (5) A mimeograph sheet entitled "Church League of America, 422 N. Prospect Street, Wheaton, Illinois" which requests contributions.
- (6) A 37-page booklet entitled "Price List For Publications of the Church League of America". LOWMAN calls attention to the fact that this booklet shows a number of documents identified as being authored by J. EDGAR HOOVER and showing various prices for these documents.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-17-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

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BACKGROUND:

Our New Orleans Office has advised us that telephoned that office from Shreveport, Louisiana, on 2-12-64. advised that he had called his wife in Cincinnati earlier that date and that she told him that she had heard a radio broadcast that she believed originated in Chicago on the evening of 2-11-64 wherein an individual whose name she believed was Edgar Bundy (phonetic) made reference to having "been in the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C." stated that according to his wife the tenor of Bundy's remarks was to the effect that he, Bundy, had been able to gain access to the FBI Laboratory while others were not allowed to visit this part of FBI Headquarters. said he was aware that visitors to FBI Headquarters are escorted through a portion of the Laboratory during a regular tour of our facilities. He said he was furnishing the above information in the event we desired to obtain a tape of the above-mentioned broadcast and review same.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

and his organization are well known to us. He is an extremist and you will recall that in March, 1961, he telephoned your (Mr. DeLoach's) office to complain that Assistant Director Sullivan's approach to communism was a serious deterrent to those trying to expose this menace. The Director noted at that time that and therefore irresponsible." According to our files as of June, 1962, the Internal Revenue Service was investigating him for not having filed income tax returns for a period of nine years. SAC Mason recently advised us that this matter is still not adjudicated. SAC Mason advised that contacts him approximately once a year and he has noted that has been becoming visibly more nervous and unstable, and appears to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Our files reflect that one Edgar C. Bundy who is identical to the individual referred to by Church League of America in Wheaton, Illinois. The Church League of America is a radical anticommunist

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo

RE: Meyers G. Lowman
Executive Secretary
Circuit Riders, Inc.

group. Bundy is a former Baptist minister who claims to have been a major in Air Force Intelligence and who, posing as an expert, travels throughout the country giving lectures on communism. He is typical of the irresponsible "professional" anticommunists who make a living of touring the country and charging fees for their lectures. He has also made money by selling U.S. Government publications at a price higher than they can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office. He was a subject of an impersonation investigation in 1950 when he allegedly represented himself as a former FBI Agent; however, this allegation was not substantiated. We have warned him to desist efforts to trade off our reputation in connection with "anticommunist kits" which he sold at meetings and which contained several FBI pamphlets obtained free and in quantity through sources in Washington. Bundy has also been warned by the Air Force to cease creating the impression that he is still an officer in active status, having access to intelligence information. The American Legion dismissed him from all posts with the organization in 1957 as they considered him a troublemaker.

Our files reflect that Bundy is known to be a sexual pervert and he allegedly favors satisfying his perverted desires with young boys. His homosexual activities are allegedly known to hundreds of ministers across the country.

Bundy has been critical of the Director and other Bureau officials in recent years alleging that they were taking a soft stand on communism and were allowing these groups to infiltrate American churches.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Cincinnati Office be requested to contact Mrs. Lowman in an effort to determine the time and station on which she heard alleged remarks made by Edgar Bundy (phonetic).

Yes id. *D*

2. That upon receipt of this information the Chicago Office conduct a discreet inquiry in an attempt to obtain full background information concerning this broadcast and a tape of it if possible.

OK. *D*

3. That in accordance with these recommendations the attached airtel be approved and sent to Cincinnati and Chicago.

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Dear

I have received your letter of March 11th and can understand the concern prompting your communication.

While I would like to be of service to you, I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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Faith in Freedom

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Edgar C. Bundy is well known to Bufiles as a former Baptist minister who has done much lecturing on communism. He has attacked the National Council of Churches. The Bureau has been most circumspect in dealing with Bundy who is an alleged homosexual.

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Baltida Methodist Church

STEPHEN F. DILL
MINISTER

3817 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, Alabama

CHURCH OFFICE
272-2190

March 11, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently The Reverend Edgar C. Bundy preached in our city and suggested there were pro-communists or at least left-wing tendency in some circles of The Methodist Church.

As a Methodist Minister, I am greatly concerned and would like to know some reliable source of information to repudiate or substantiate such charges.

I would be grateful for any help you might suggest.

Yours sincerely,



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March 13, 1964

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Reverend David Aycock
Box 132
Hagan, Georgia

Dear Mr. Aycock:

Your letter of March 9th has been received and I want you to know how very much I appreciate your kind comments concerning our work and the sentiments you expressed.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to answer your questions and I hope you will not infer that we either do or do not have data in our records relative to your inquiries. I would also like to point out that Mr. Edgar C. Bundy has not had access to our files, is not a personal friend of Assistant Director Cartha D. DeLoach and has received no assistance from this Bureau.

Communism is indeed a most serious threat to our Nation's future and it is important for our citizens to educate themselves regarding this menace so they will be able to resist its influence. I firmly believe, however, that communism will not be defeated through a mere negative approach. Being against communism is not enough unless we also know what we are for. Americans have inherited from their forefathers the greatest form of government ever established and it is the duty of each of us to do his part in a positive manner to help preserve the liberties we enjoy. No one individual can do everything, but each of us can spend some of his time in useful endeavors to strengthen our public institutions. In other words, we should support and participate in our democratic form of government if we really want to prove its superiority over any foreign ideology.

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Reverend David Aycock

Enclosed is literature I hope will be of interest to you. Perhaps you will also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which were written to help Americans gain an insight into communist strategy and tactics, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

Faith in Freedom

Keys to Freedom

Lets Fight Communism Sanely!

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. We are well aware of the activities of Mr. Edgar C. Bundy who is a pious hypocrite and a professional anticommunist of the worst sort. He has claimed to support the FBI while attacking some of its officials. He is a sexual pervert and we have absolutely no dealings with him.

The Methodist Church

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DAISY

EASON'S CHAPEL

gyp
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

3/9/64

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope you will not think it presumptuous of me to be writing to you in this manner, because I know you are a busy man. However, I have put this letter off as long as I dare, and would like to indulge your time, or a few minutes of someone's time in the FBI.

It has become right common in our section of the nation for people to sit in the dark and "snipe" at the Church and Church Related agencies at work in our nation. They seem to delight in casting just enough light on something to muddle the issue, and then go no further. Then when you confront them with certain truth's they immediately yell "persecution" and will not face the issues. Others will use the tactic of "Quotes" that most of us do not have access to, or do not have the time to major on, and therefore, have to take the accusations without being able to search it out, and know if it is true. It has been my observation through the years, that the devil will use any devise possible to cause God's Church to become ineffective and meaningless. Many of the snipers, I am sure are men and women who mean well, and need to be given a voice, so that we do not become duped by whatever force would dupe us.

Therefore, I want to ask you some questions. The answers, whether I like them or not, I want to be straightforward and honest. If you will help me, I shall greatly appreciate it.

The first of these has to do with my own Methodist Church. I was brought up in the Methodist Church. At 15 years of age was converted in the Methodist church, and now for 16 years, have been

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a minister in it. Are there now, or has there been in recent years, known Communist in our Church, especially in the Ministry of our church? If so, who are they? If you are at liberty to discuss this, I shall appreciate it very much. Mr. Edgar Bundy, recently stood in the school Auditorium in our fair city of Claxton, Georgia, and slung accusation after accusation at the Church of which I am a member. It has occurred to me, that if there are known communist in our church, then why aren't we doing something about it. Many of folks in this section are upset by these things, and I think it should be brought out into the open. Mr. Bundy quoted you as FBI head, and also Mr. DeLoach, whom he claims as warm personal friend, as some of his authority for such claims, as well as many congressional hearings that were supposed to be and are being held all the time. Mr. Hoover, What about these accusations? Please help me at this point.

The second of these Questions has to do with the National Council of Churches in America. Is it considered by your office, communist front, and communist infiltrated? Do you consider it a peddler of the communist line? It is hard, from where I sit to know whether much of what I hear from people like Dr. Carl McIntyre and others of that group, to know whether their quarrell is one of theology and social causes, or if the National Council is literally a communist inspired, and infiltrated group that cannot be trusted.

Based on the answers I get from the above questions, what can I, one Methodist Preacher do, to serve the cause of God and Americanism better? I am not now a communist, nor do I puppet the cause of communism. I do not want to allow my church be used for that purpose. My people are real-red-blooded Americans, who have fought to make this country what it is. I want it to stay that way by the Grace of God.

The Methodist Church

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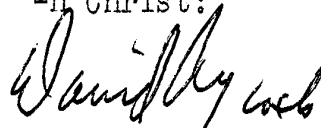
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EASON'S CHAPEL

What is your advice to men like me, who cannot take the time to read every hearing in Washington and attend every conference held anywhere in the nation of Communism? Just last fall, we had a conference in our own state, sponsored by the Methodist churches of Georgia, that sought to face up to the Communist threat in our nation. One of the men on your staff was present and spoke. I cannot really believe that the preacher's of my Conference are on the side of the communist. We may have our quarrells about interpretation of Scriptures, and Social issues of our day. But I cannot believe that we have any who have sold out to the Communist Cause in our own two conferences in Georgia. Please help me in this cause. Write me back as soon as possible as I must know.

May God bless you richly in your work. You have rendered this Nation one of the greatest pieces of service that has ever been rendered. You have the respect and admiration of every man I know in my circle of friends. They trust you, and admire your integrity. I shall be waiting to hear from you.

In Christ:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Aycock".

David Aycock

The Methodist Church

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EASON'S CHAPEL

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David Aronson
 Box 132
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CORRESPONDENCE

TRUE COPY

March 28, 1964

Dear Sir:

If possible I would like to get some concrete facts about the F.B.I.'s findings on the National Council of Churches. Groups like the Church League are always quoting Mr. Hoover (as on the last page of the enclosed pamphlet) in discrediting the National Council. If they should be discredited I would like to know it. If not I would like to know this too. One way or the other I would like to know the truth. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Forest Park Methodist Church

199 COLLEGE STREET
(1/2 BLOCK OFF HIGHWAY 54)

FOREST PARK, GEORGIA

MARION PIERSON, PASTOR
TELEPHONES: OFFICE 366-2121
RESIDENCE 366-1785

DON MORRIS, TREASURER
146 SPRING VALLEY DRIVE
FOREST PARK, GEORGIA

March 28, 1964

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NEWS & VIEWS

Eternal Vigilance is Forever the Price of Freedom

Vol. 27, No. 3

Wheaton, Illinois

March, 1964

IS THERE A COMMUNIST THREAT? Part I

From every part of the United States, every day of the year, come letters into the headquarters of the Church League of America which read like this:

"My minister says that the anti-communists and the fundamentalists are spreading hysteria and are dividing the churches and our country by charging that there is a serious communist conspiracy operating within the United States. Is this true?"

"My professor told the class in political science yesterday that the anti-communists are engaged in a huge profit-making business by creating communist ghosts in America—ghosts they are; not realities."

"I wrote my newspaper columnist friend and asked him if it were true that the communists and their propaganda had invaded every major phase of American life, and he replied that only mentally ill people made such charges, such as McCarthyites, Birchites, anti-liberals, Gas Light-age Republicans, fundamentalists, and sick, sick, sick people. What am I to believe?"

"My professor of religion said that charges of communist influence in the National Council of Churches is a bold-faced lie invented by the discredited McIntire crowd. Is he right?"

"Is it true that the FBI and the House Un-American Activities Committee have 'cleared' the National Council of Churches?"

How would you answer these thousands of letters which come from people of all walks of life living in every part of the Nation and members of the Armed Forces? Answering such letters constitutes the major task of the Church League and its limited staff in the Research Section of the national headquarters—and, we never catch up. Why should such a task on the part of the Church League be necessary in a country which is supposed to be the most enlightened of any on the face of the globe—which has more modern communications devices reaching the entire population of the United States all day long than any other combination of nations in the world?

We believe that the answer is: It is not because we do not have the truth or facts. There are thousands of pages of sworn testimony and exhibits, entered into the official hearing records of the U. S. Congress, and contained in the consistent testimony of men like J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has served his country for 46 years and who, year after year, goes before the U. S. Congress and enters the facts into the record.

BUT, the responsible media of communications in this land, with but some few exceptions, are not carrying this sworn evidence or testimony to the masses upon masses of people. We know of no major wire service, television network, or radio chain which offers the FBI Director either the space or the air time to give to the Nation what he gives to the Congress. Now and then a summary paragraph in general terms goes out over a wire service. Sometimes it appears in the local paper; more times it does not; and oftentimes it is buried next to the classified ad pages!

Because of this lack of knowledge, the people, security-wise, perish.

Students in schools, college administrators, church-going congregations, union members, office-holders, candidates, society matrons, entertainers, club officers and civic leaders can be taken in by the deliberate lying or half-truth statements of opinion molders who use their exalted positions in the community to aid our enemies and to attack good Christians and Americans who speak the truth.

We challenge you in your own community to take the information which will follow this introduction and shove it under the noses of the lying propagandists, the hypocrites, the doubters, and the mentally blind.

NOTE! It is *not* from the Church League of America, the American Legion, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the 20th Century Reformation Hour, Carl McIntire, the John Birch Society, Robert Welch, Fulton Lewis, Jr., National Review, or the host of other individuals and organizations despised and smeared by the Commies, their sympathizers and fellow-travellers, their dupes and dopes and the know-it-all liberals, who are the true "know-nothings" of this crisis age.

It is all (every word of it) from the Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, and the U. S. House of Representatives duly constituted committees. Let the smearists either put up or shut up! By 'put up' we mean: Let them demand to be heard *under oath* (sworn in) before the same committees of the Congress which heard this testimony from the FBI Director and show wherein he told an untruth or perpetrated a fraud on the American people.

If they are not willing to do this, then let them be denounced publicly. Let all true Americans refuse to pay their salaries or contribute to their causes. Let their congregations and classrooms become desolate, devoid of the presence even of those who love truth and righteousness!

Hear Mr. Hoover from this point on:

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1962

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INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS

Since 1939, the Bureau has been vested by Presidential directives with primary responsibility for combating internal enemies of the United States and with the duty of correlating internal security investigations. This authority is nationwide. It embraces investigative jurisdiction over communism, espionage, sabotage, treason, subversion, violations of the Atomic Energy Act, and related domestic intelligence functions.

These initial responsibilities have increased from time to time throughout later years with the enactment of antisubversive legislation and similar measures which have been undertaken to strengthen America's security on the home front.

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

I will now review the internal threat posed by the Communist conspiracy in the United States.

As the largest single subversive organization in the United States, the Communist Party, U.S.A., represents a formidable core of conspiratorial Reds. It provides the Kremlin with a vital listening post as well as an instrument on which the Communist tunes may be played for all those who are gullible enough to listen.

At the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in December 1959, outspokenly pro-Soviet elements strengthened their hold on the party's reins. This convention, which was held behind closed doors, witnessed the election of Gus Hall, a ruthless, militant, Moscow-trained ex-convict, to the post of general secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A., a position of top influence in the party today.

The Communist Party, U.S.A., during the past year has stepped up its activities among the youth of our Nation. In addition to their youth work, the Communists devoted considerable effort toward infiltration of our industries and unions, in improving their agitation and propaganda machinery, in exploiting the prevailing international political climate in an effort to make Soviet policies more acceptable to American public opinion, and in rebuilding their influence among all segments of our society.

The Communist Party, U.S.A., has dutifully held to the Soviet line on matters of worldwide interest and importance including the Cuban situation, racial unrest in Africa, and the protests against ratification of the Japanese-American Security Treaty.

EXPLOITATION OF NEGRO SIT-IN DEMONSTRATIONS

Communist propaganda has always been quick to seize on problems of minority groups. Instances involving the Negro race have been prime targets in this barrage.

The sit-in demonstrations in the South were a made-to-order issue which the party fully exploited to further its own ends. The Communists first showed an interest in the demonstrations in late February 1960 when James E. Jackson and Joseph North, national Communist Party functionaries, traveled to Richmond, Va., and wrote articles for "The Worker," an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, concerning demonstrations then in progress in Richmond.

Also during early March 1960, Daniel Rubin, national youth director of the Communist Party, U.S.A., visited college campuses in Richmond to obtain statements from students in connection with the demonstrations.

The Communist Party strategy was not to openly advocate picketing, inasmuch as this would tend to expose its members, but rather to get behind the movement by urging college students to take the initiative.

The importance which the Communist Party, U.S.A., has placed on these demonstrations was sharply brought into focus when Benjamin Davis, the party's national secretary, told the party in March 1960 that these demonstrations were considered the next best thing to "proletarian revolution."

COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN ACTION

Heartened by an atmosphere of continuing public complacency, and encouraged by its successes in invoking every legal technicality to thwart the interests of justice, the Communist Party is today a unified, ambitious, and destructive instrument of subversion operating within our midst. It has shown a brazen defiance and disrespect for America's laws, governmental institutions, and traditions.

Here is an illustration of this Communist instrument of subversion in action:

In May 1960, the House Committee on Un-American Activities scheduled hearings in San Francisco, Calif., to inquire into the activities of the northern California district of the party. This was an opportunity which the party had been anxiously anticipating and, when the hearing dates were announced, its machinery was thrown into high gear to infiltrate and exploit protest demonstrations and picket lines to nullify the work of this congressional committee.

A most significant single factor surrounding the mob demonstration was the Communist infiltration of student and youth groups engaged in protest demonstrations against this congressional committee. Through this infiltration, Communists revealed how it is possible for only a few Communist agitators, using mob psychology, to convert peaceful demonstrations into riots.

The success of the party's strategy was vividly demonstrated by the violence which erupted at the San Francisco City Hall where the committee hearings were held. The San Francisco debacle was not an accident. It was the result of minute and skillful planning, direction and exploitation by a handful of dedicated, fanatical, hardcore members of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

(Discussion off the record.)

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY

Mr. Hoover. Today, there are Communist parties organized and operating, either legally or illegally, in 86 countries around the world. These parties have a combined membership of over 36 million. Communist parties have already gained control in 17 nations.

The Communist-bloc nations now control approximately one-fourth of the land area of the world and approximately one-third or 1 billion of the inhabitants on the face of the globe.

Even in non-Communist nations, there are approximately four million Communist party members dedicated to the overthrow of their existing governments.

The Communist Party of the United States is a vital link in this worldwide conspiracy.

Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would like to make a short statement off the record.

Mr. ROONEY. Very well.
(Discussion off the record.)

FBI COUNTERMEASURES

Mr. Hoover. I should like to review generally some of our counter-intelligence programs to curb the threat of communism and subversion.

COMMUNIST FRONT GROUPS

The Communists, foreign agents and potential saboteurs operate behind a masquerade of stealth and deception. They are all-out masters in the art of tactical infiltration, a fact which has been clearly demonstrated by our investigative experience.

Some 200 known, or suspected, Communist front and Communist-infiltrated organizations are now under investigation by the FBI. Many of these fronts are national in scope with chapters in various cities throughout the United States. They represent transmission belts through which the Communist Party furthers its conspiratorial designs.

They have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity; youth groups; radio, television, and motion picture industries; church, school, educational and cultural groups; the press; nationality minority groups and civil and political units.

Some celebrated, self-styled pacifists and some men of wealth and prominence have sometimes been unwitting—but sometimes knowing—political shells and stooges of deceitful Communist manipulators.
(Discussion off the record.)

FBI INFORMANT PROGRAMS

Mr. Hoover. In the conduct of its daily affairs, the party utilizes maximum security precautions. However, despite the elaborate security measures invoked by the Communist Party, U.S.A. to conceal its conspiratorial operations, it is heartening to report that the FBI has succeeded in penetrating the party's walls of secrecy to gather irrefutable evidence of Communist lawlessness.

(Discussion off the record.)

ESPIONAGE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Mr. Hoover. I would like to review our counterespionage and domestic intelligence operations.

The Soviet intelligence services have reorganized, multiplied their contacts with the American people, and have become aggressively bolder in spearheading their espionage offensive against the United States. The intelligence organizations of the satellite countries, carefully coordinated under Soviet leadership and control, have gained increasingly in experience and ability.

The current, widespread ramifications of the Soviet bloc espionage networks which today extend throughout the entire United States, have indicated a realistic need for a further tightening of our security on the homefront. While the Communists speak of peace, their intelligence setup is the most extensive in world history.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Hoover. The espionage potential of the Soviet bloc is tremendous. The extreme security hazard inherent in their operations is indicated somewhat by the fact that in June 1960, our State Department estimated that Russian and Chinese Communists bloc countries have some 300,000 trained spies serving throughout the world.

SOVIET BLOC OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IN UNITED STATES

The personnel assigned to Soviet bloc official establishments in the United States has steadily risen over the years. Consequently, there has been a corresponding strengthening of foreign-directed intelligence activities, since many of these officials are in reality trained espionage and intelligence agents.

(Discussion off the record.)

SOVIET BLOC ESPIONAGE TARGETS

Mr. Hoover. Espionage targets of the Soviet bloc intelligence organizations have no known limitations. Their quest for information has ranged from the seemingly ridiculous to such objectives as clearly reveal their intent of world conquest. Our investigations have disclosed not only the intensity of purpose of the Soviets but their willingness to spend unlimited funds in the achievement of their goal.

Attempts to obtain military, scientific, and technological secrets constitute a massive effort of subversion. Their efforts are directed against all aspects of our national defense effort. Data concerning strategic industrial potential, transportation and communications systems, aircraft production, technical advances in the field of atomic energy, rocket and missile development and other weapons of mass destruction, are assiduously collected by Soviet and satellite agents, many operating with diplomatic immunity from the United Nations in New York and their embassies here in Washington.

(Discussion off the record.)

COLLECTION OF UNCLASSIFIED STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE

Mr. Hoover. Through subterfuge, deceit, and deliberate circumvention of regulations, the Soviet bloc officials stationed in the United States have systematically developed one of the best industrial spying systems in the world. One defector has stated that the ease with which data is obtained in the United States has eliminated much of the hazardous and time-consuming clandestine operations which otherwise would be necessary. Another has estimated that the Soviet military attaché office in the United States is able to obtain legally 95 percent of the material useful for its intelligence objectives and that the Polish military intelligence secures more technical data in the United States than in all of the other countries in the world.

During the period January 1, 1959, to February 1, 1961, Soviet officials attended approximately 141 technical, scientific, or general business conventions and expositions covering such fields as aeronautics, electronics, plastics development, radio, rocketry, and related items of strategic significance.

(Discussion off the record.)

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Mr. Hoover. The increasing tension in Cuba has given rise, directly and indirectly, to an extreme expansion in our investigative coverage of Cuban matters in the United States. This was fostered by a deterioration of United States-Cuba relations, the pronounced pro-Soviet and pro-Communist leanings of the Castro regime, the efforts of the Cuban Government to infiltrate foreign-directed spies into the United States and by the continued revolutionary activities of anti-Castro groups in this country.

SOVIET TRADING COMPANIES

Mr. LIPSICOM. I would like to discuss for just a moment a couple of questions on Soviet espionage activities. The Soviet Union has trading companies which exist in this country.

Mr. Hoover. Amtorg is the principal one.

Mr. LIPSICOM. I believe I have come in contact just recently, through an item I have been working on, with one called Stankoimport. These trading companies are making every effort to purchase technical equipment in our country, and there are certain American business firms that are willing to trade with them. One case has just been exposed and the export license has been canceled by the Department of Commerce, for precision ball-bearing machines. I know of another instance where the Department of Commerce has granted an export license for some very technical precision machinery that among other things can manufacture aluminum V-8 motor blocks and their components. I am hopeful, at this date, that the Department of Commerce will cancel this license also after the facts are reviewed.

Is there any espionage activity here being conducted by Soviet trading agents and the trading companies?

Mr. Hoover. Yes, there is. The Soviets have maintained a large staff of officials in this country since its first recognition in 1933. These officials have been assigned to the Soviet Embassy, consulates, trade delegations, news media, United Nations, and the Amtorg Trading Corp. It is from these installations that the intelligence activities are directed against the United States.

The Amtorg Trading Corp., 355 Lexington Avenue, New York City, acts as buying and selling agent in the United States for approximately 25 foreign trade organizations of the Soviets. Amtorg is a New York corporation formed in 1924. Since 1949 it has been registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Currently, there are 32 Soviet officials attached to Amtorg. One of the Soviet foreign trade organizations represented in the United States by Amtorg is "Stankoimport," which handles exports and imports of machine tools, metal and woodworking machinery, ball and roller bearings, and the like.

Intourist is the Soviet tourist agency with office space at Amtorg and has one representative in the United States.

Four Continent Book Corp., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, handles importation and exportation of books, periodicals, and other published material. It is registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. One of its foreign principals is Mezhdunarodnaja Kniga (International Book), Moscow.

For the most part, the Soviet satellite nations utilize their commercial attachés for handling their trading operations.

Of course, the example you cite of the concern where the export license was suspended, I understand this resulted from attention called to it by one of the Senators as well as yourself.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. Is there anything we can do to call to the attention of American business the danger of this kind of trade? If Soviet agents are making business contacts with American businessmen in such plants as precision ball bearing or these motors I was talking about, surely they have access to the plant and other things that they should not be entitled to.

Mr. HOOVER. The Department of Commerce has the authority of granting export licenses and therefore has some measure of control over such matters. As you indicated, the Secretary of Commerce withdrew the export license which had been granted. It was probably granted prior to his becoming Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. It was.

Mr. HOOVER. Such matters are generally handled down the line and not at the secretarial level.

As to the attitude of the American businessman, a few of these individuals are unwittingly sympathetic or are inclined to fawn over the Soviets.

(Discussion off the record.)

PUBLIC APATHY

Mr. LIPSCOMB. You mentioned in your testimony public apathy was one of the things that was serious.

Mr. HOOVER. I think it is.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. Here is an area I hope businessmen and Government employees do not allow to go on without adequate notice and concern.

Mr. HOOVER. I think it is a field that certainly ought to be given attention, both by individuals and by groups. I think it is a field in which various congressional committees from time to time could very readily alert the public.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. It appears that some citizens are so anxious to have peaceful relations and make profits in trading with the U.S.S.R. that we forget the dangers of Communist aggression, both economic and military.

Mr. HOOVER. Unfortunately, that is correct.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. Would you care to make any comment on cultural exchanges and whether or not they do cause you any difficulties in this country?

(Discussion off the record.)

INFILTRATION OF YOUTH GROUPS

Mr. LIPSCOMB. In the third supplemental appropriation going before the House of Representatives this week, there is an item for over \$1.5 million, having to do with a new cultural exchange with Russia. They are going to nine cities in the United States and taking exhibits on children's books and medical services into these nine different cities. It is a real chance for them to expose people to the way they believe in. Of course, these are really emotional subject matters.

Mr. HOOVER. Yes, that gets at the grassroots, our youth.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. It is my understanding that there are some new youth organizations being formed.

Mr. HOOVER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. They are primarily supporting the subject of peaceful coexistence and also to relieve the youth of their military responsibilities throughout the country.

Are these things being exposed to the American public?

Mr. HOOVER. They have been exposed by a number of writers and columnists. I have in mind George Sokolsky and Fulton Lewis, Jr. One of the targets of the Communist Party is to step up its infiltration of youth organizations and the demonstration at San Francisco which occurred last year was typical of their efforts. At the same time there is a rather healthy sign I have observed which is developing at the high school and college level, where young men and women are learning about communism. I think this is a very healthy sign. The more one can learn about communism and its fallacies and its viciousness, the stronger our country will be.

I see two tides running.

In one is the group in favor of the false peaceful coexistence theory which functions through Communist front organizations and the other is the group of young people operating through anti-Communist organizations. The questions these young people are asking show that they are beginning to realize communism is not all it has been portrayed to be. If we get them thinking and asking that kind of questions, it is a very healthy and wholesome condition.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. Will we be able to distinguish these different types of groups when they apply for the Peace Corps and programs of this sort? Will we be able to tell the intent of the people who desire to participate?

Mr. HOOVER. It depends on what screening procedures are used in setting up the Peace Corps.

Mr. LIPSCOMB. It is important, in my opinion, they make some plans for screening.

Mr. HOOVER. I think it would be desirable.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. LIPSCOMB. Thank you very much, Mr. Hoover.

Mr. HOOVER. Thank you, Mr. Congressman.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Cederberg?

COMMUNIST THREATS

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Director, the hour is getting late and I do not desire to prolong your time before our committee, but I would like to say that I realize, of necessity, a good portion of your testimony must be off the record; but if the average American citizen could sit on this side of the table and listen to your explanation of the subversive threats to our society, I am sure we would not have so many naive people in high places today.

Mr. Director, I just wonder if you can give any explanation as to why so many organizations that are basically sound and dedicated to doing what is right—and I do not hesitate to name one of them, the National Council of Churches—why are some of the hierarchy of these organizations so naive to the threat posed by communism in this country?

Mr. HOOVER. Mr. Congressman, I think it is due to the fact they have not fully informed themselves as to what the facts are. Many people have the idea that communism is not a serious threat because the movement is numerically small in this country. Its numerical strength is one thing but we must judge it by its fanatical, dedicated, and disciplined membership. Most non-Communists are not disciplined, fanatical believers in the theory and practice of American democracy as are the Communists in communism. That is a reason why some of these people err in their thinking.

Such erroneous thinking often results in a great deal of harm, particularly in many organizations where the practice is followed of having the rank-and-file elect delegates to represent them at conventions without exhibiting a sufficient degree of alertness and interest to determine the beliefs of their chosen representatives. As a result, these representatives commit large groups of the rank-and-file to a course of action which in reality is contrary to their true feeling and beliefs. As I pointed out previously in my testimony, apathy also plays a strong part in creating a prevailing atmosphere of indifference to this threat.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. CEDERBERG. That is all I have. Thank you.

Mr. ROONEY. Thank you, Mr. Director and gentlemen, for a highly interesting and informative 3-hour session.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 28th, with enclosure, has been received and I can understand the concern prompting your communication.

While I would like to be of service to you, I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. His enclosure was a handout of the Church League of America which is Edgar C. Bundy's organization and is well known to Bureau files.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 16, 1964

FROM : R. W. Smith

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The Cincinnati Office has previously advised the Bureau concerning information supplied by the Reverend William E. Ashbrook of Columbus, Ohio, concerning Edgar C. Bundy. At that time, Reverend Ashbrook volunteered that Bundy is a "homosexual - a pervert." Also at that time, Reverend Ashbrook referred to correspondence relating to his characterization of Bundy.

On a confidential basis, the Cincinnati Office has obtained copies of correspondence in Reverend Ashbrook's possession which relate to his earlier charge concerning Bundy. Copies [redacted] [redacted] for record purposes. They are identified as follows:

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- (1) Letter from Edgar Bundy to Reverend Ashbrook dated June 21, 1954.
- (2) Letter from [redacted] with no date.
- (3) Letter from [redacted] dated [redacted]

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That the enclosed material be placed in the Bureau file for future reference.

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1407 Hill Avenue
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June 21, 1954

Dear Bill, *(Ashbrook)*

Our of the anguish of a broken heart and a crushed spirit I am crying to you. I am beaten, defeated and wrecked. I have withdrawn from all Christian work. I have been unable to eat or sleep for the past three days. I have vomited until I cannot do it anymore.

I am sorry for all the misery and heartaches I have caused anyone. I cannot express myself more. All I ask is forgiveness and something or someone to heal. If I were there in your presence I would offer myself to be tramped on.

Please, Bill, ask all concerned to stop writing and talking about the situation from now on. I am going to try to live my life with my wife by making a living in the secular world. Don't blame anyone in the ACCC or ICCC for me. I am not a member anymore of my own free will, and I don't want any of them to take the blame for me.

God alone knows my heart. I must depend on Him. All I ask is some relief from the suffering which is mine. I must find rest somewhere, somehow. Please try to remember me kindly in your prayers. Again, all I can say to you and all the rest is: I am sorry from the bottom of my heart. There is an ache there which at times seems as if it would consume me. I do not know to whom to turn for help. I have cried to God until I can't cry any longer.

Sincerely,

Edgar Bundy

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-22-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "NEWS AND VIEWS"

There is attached a copy of captioned publication issue of April, 1964. The entire issue is devoted to the Director's appropriations testimony.

"News and Views" is, of course, published by Edgar C. Bundy who operates the Church League of America in Wheaton, Illinois. He is a scurrilous character with whom we have had considerable trouble in the past. He professes great admiration for the Director and the Bureau but never misses an opportunity to trade on the Director and the Bureau's reputation.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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IS THERE A COMMUNIST THREAT? Part II

In our March 1964 issue of News and Views we gave to our readers the 1961 testimony of J. Edgar Hoover before the sub-Committee on Appropriations of the U. S. House of Representatives on the threat of the Communist Conspiracy to the internal security of the United States.

We urged that the readers use these facts from the director of the FBI to make the opinion-molders in their communities who ridicule the idea that there is a serious internal threat from Communism either put up or shut up. The battle is on from coast to coast as judged by the extra orders and the letters pouring into our headquarters!

As we present Mr. Hoover's testimony before that same committee of the Congress in 1962 we again urge that you

use this documentation as a great weapon in the fight against the enemy and for our survival as a free nation. Don't invent anything! You don't have to. Here is all the ammunition you need to stifle the Communists, their sympathizers and fellow-travelers, just plain dupes and dopes, and to enlighten the unlearned.

Let us know how the battle goes in your community. Put hundreds of extra copies into the hands of every civic leader, radio broadcaster, teacher, minister, church member, parent, newspaperman, and businessman in your community. Here is the answer to: "What can I do?"

Mr. Hoover speaks again:

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ENCLOSURE

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Our investigative staff, over the years, has been making substantial personal sacrifices in an endeavor to adequately discharge the tremendous increase in our investigative responsibilities and work. For example, during the fiscal year 1961 the overtime of our investigative staff amounted to an aggregate 3,668,416 hours, an average of 2 hours 50 minutes overtime on the part of each special agent during each workday throughout the year.

Public Law 763, approved September 1, 1954, provides, among other things, that certain employees whose duties require unscheduled and administratively uncontrollable overtime duty may be paid up to 15 percent of the entrance salary of grade GS-9 as a salary differential where they qualify for this benefit. The Attorney General approved payment of these benefits to investigative personnel of this Bureau. This permitted the partial reimbursement of the 3,668,416 hours of overtime during the fiscal year 1961, which overtime represents the equivalent of 1,764 special agents on a full-year basis. Had it been necessary to employ the additional 1,764 agents represented by this overtime, the cost would have been an estimated \$18,702,387. However, under Public Law 763, this overtime service during the fiscal year 1961 was compensated only to the extent of \$5,611,168, representing, in effect, a salary savings to the Government of \$13,091,219 when compared with the value of the total overtime performed.

The 1963 appropriation estimate contains funds to continue these payments for unscheduled and administratively uncontrollable overtime duty.

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

Despite the public denial by Soviet leaders, the fact is that the Communist Party, U.S.A., has always been, and is today, unalterably welded to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Under the guise of a political organization, the Communist Party, U.S.A., acts as the subservient mouthpiece of international communism with the Kremlin setting the line to be followed. International issues expedient to the Soviet Union's stated intent of world domination by communism are rotely echoed throughout our country by the Communist Party, U.S.A.

The U.S. Supreme Court, on June 5, 1961, lifted the thin veil of legitimacy when it judicially affirmed the oft-repeated contention that the Communist Party, U.S.A., is not a legitimate political party but a subversive group directed and controlled by the Soviet Union.

Never in the history of mankind have free men been confronted with the challenge the international movement is making toward world domination, and the Communist Party in this country is part and parcel of this international Communist conspiracy.

Accordingly, it is vital that we follow all phases of activity of the Communist Party, U.S.A. so that the U.S. Government will be aware of the plans, tactics, and programs of this subversive organization. This requires continuous and widespread investigative activity since the tentacles of the party spread octopus-like throughout the Nation. Many of its activities are carried on through front organizations. These cover every sphere of activity which the Communists assess as important or significant to the Communist program. Through this front organization, the party conducts pressure campaigns, disseminates Communist propaganda, distributes Communist literature, raises funds, and insidiously exploits the masses of people and public opinion to further its revolutionary aims and purposes.

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The Supreme Court decision on June 5, 1961, upheld the order of the Subversive Activities Control Board that the Communist Party, U.S.A., must register with the Attorney General under the Internal Security Act of 1950 as a Communist-action organization. This opens up the possibility of an entire new field of action against the Communist Party, U.S.A.

In view of past statements of the Communist Party, U.S.A., it cannot be expected that the party will comply with all of the provisions of the act. It will then devolve upon the FBI to furnish the Department with data so that compliance will be obtained and violations uncovered. Dependent upon the extent of the evasive action of the party, and the prosecutive steps taken by the Department of Justice, the upholding of the registration order of the Subversive Activities Control Board could cause a tremendous upsurge in the expenditure of manpower on the part of our investigative staff.

ESPIONAGE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS

For over three decades the Soviet Union has directed a vicious, concerted, espionage attack against the United States. There has been no abatement in this activity. In fact, throughout the history of the world never has espionage been emphasized to the extent and with the fanatical dedication as that practiced by the Soviet-bloc countries. Over the years they have attempted to obtain every conceivable type of information in this country. Every source available is pressed into service and no method is too reprehensible if it holds the promise of deluding the prospective source to provide services or information to the Communists.

The intensity with which the Soviets and their satellites are driving in their quest to penetrate the defenses of this country through their espionage apparatus makes it vital that the FBI have adequate manpower to meet this threat to the security of America.

CRIMINAL OPERATIONS

The Bureau's criminal-type work increased substantially during the fiscal year 1961. Not only are most major criminal offenses under our jurisdiction on the increase, but throughout the calendar year 1961 we have handled a vast amount of additional work in connection with the Government's stepped-up drive against organized crime in the United States.

As a result of our continuing inquiries regarding hoodlums and their activities, we have furnished voluminous data to the Department of Justice. Many of these investigations have national ramifications. Also during the fiscal year 1961, the FBI disseminated 101,210 items of criminal information to local and Federal law enforcement agencies pertaining to the hoodlum element. This has been of material assistance to other law enforcement agencies in assisting them in breaking up hoodlum gangs, in locating dangerous fugitives, in recovering stolen merchandise, and in contributing in various ways to the solution of law enforcement problems.

The accelerated drive against organized crime requires that we have broad coverage of the underworld elements. It demands the development of numerous informants and detailed data regarding the criminal proclivities of hoodlums and racketeers, their sources of income, financial manipulations, and infiltration of legitimate or front-type business activities—all of which requires the assignment of considerable additional investigative personnel on a continuing basis.

ANTITRUST INVESTIGATIONS

The Bureau's work in the antitrust field has greatly increased. This is reflected in the accomplishments growing out of our investigations in this category. During the fiscal year 1961 there were 198 convictions recorded, resulting in sentences totaling 122 years and 7 months, and in fines totaling \$2,641,000. These are substantially in excess of those during the prior year when 120 convictions with sentences totaling 14 years and 9 months, and in fines totaling \$1,027,650, were recorded. The great bulk of these investigations have extensive ramifications and require the heavy assignment of investigative personnel over extended periods.

The FBI's antitrust workload commitments will continue to rise because of the emphasis being placed by the Antitrust Division upon criminal prosecutions and the increased number of inquiries to be made as to possible violations being committed by racketeers in the labor field, price fixing in industry, and the like. In addition, added emphasis is being placed upon the enforcement of civil judgments and inquiries into mergers. All of this will require the assignment of additional manpower.

SPECIFIC INCREASES: CRIMINAL AND CIVIL WORK

The following tabulation indicates specific increases in several classifications of criminal and civil work during fiscal year 1961.

OVERTIME

Mr. Hoover. The great bulk of the mounting volume of work throughout the field must be handled immediately. Through diligence and the performance of voluntary overtime, our field staff is making every effort to handle as much of the extra work as possible.

This has been typical of the services of the field employees and of the employees of the Bureau at the seat of Government. The criminal, the spy, and the subversive, of course, do not operate on an 8-hour day or a 40-hour week. They operate 24 hours a day throughout the year. As a result, our staff has to work many extra hours in meeting this challenge.

During the fiscal year 1961, the overtime of our investigative staff totaled 3,668,416 hours, averaging nearly 3 hours for each member during each workday throughout the year.

Looking at it another way, this voluntary overtime service represented the equivalent of 1,764 agents on a full-year basis. Had it been necessary to actually employ the additional 1,764 agents, the cost would have been an estimated \$18,702,387. However, under the fringe benefits law this overtime was compensated only to the extent of \$5,611,168, resulting, in effect, in a salary savings to the Government of \$13,091,219.

INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS

The FBI, as a result of Presidential directives and the enactment of legislation, has investigative jurisdiction over communism, espionage, sabotage, treason, subversion, and related matters within the United States, as well as the responsibility of correlating all security information and disseminating it to appropriate Federal agencies.

The developments on the international scene make it necessary that the FBI continue to have the best possible coverage of the activities and plans of the enemies of democracy within this country which would threaten our security on the homefront.

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

I will briefly review some of the current developments in regard to the Communist Party, U.S.A.

Never in the history of our country have we been confronted with the challenge which the international Communist movement is making today toward world domination.

There is a tendency to minimize the internal threat of Communist activity. This tendency can have tragic consequences, since the Communist Party, U.S.A., the largest subversive organization in our Nation today, is part and parcel of the predatory empire of the international Communist conspiracy whose ultimate objective is world domination by communism. In any showdown with the United States, there is no doubt that the Soviet Union would rely heavily on the party as an advance detachment within our borders, ready and willing to carry out any hostile act within its capability. The threat, therefore, is both internal and external.

Despite the public denial by Soviet leaders, the fact is that the Communist Party in this country has always been and is today unal-

terably welded to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Under the false guise of a political organization, the Communist Party in this country acts as the subservient mouthpiece of international communism with the Kremlin setting the line to be followed.

This thin veil of legitimacy was, however, publicly lifted when the Supreme Court last June judicially affirmed the oft-repeated contention that the Communist Party in the United States is not a legitimate political party, but a subversive group directed and controlled by the Soviet Union.

I would like now to go off the record, if I may.

Mr. ROONEY. Very well, Mr. Director.

(Off the record.)

Mr. Hoover. The 22d Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, promoted as the "Congress of the Builders of Communism," was held in Moscow from October 17 to October 31, 1961. It was attended by representatives of Communist Parties from over 80 countries of the world and set into play the Soviet Union's strategy for world domination. Actively participating in this Congress was a delegation from the Communist Party, U.S.A., headed by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, the party chairman. Flynn, in speaking before the Congress, praised the achievements of the Soviet Union in engulfing the world with communism and brazenly predicted that the United States would be a socialist-Communist country by 1980.

The Communist Party, U.S.A., aligned itself still more completely at the Congress with the Soviet Union by joining in attacks on Albania for failure to adhere to the dictates of the Soviet masters.

ORGANIZATIONAL REALINEMENT

As a defensive measure the party is in the process of streamlining its organizational structure. It is eliminating its apparatus between the district and club levels, and district committees as well as clubs are being reduced in size. This is being done as a result of the upholding by the Supreme Court of the registration provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Club meetings are being held less frequently and when held are masquerading as meetings of "garden clubs," "bridge clubs," and the like. One course of action presently being considered by the party calls for the sending of its members into mass work and the creation of "umbrella organizations" through which the party's continuance can be guaranteed.

In line with its streamlining plans, the party is also considering the dissolution of its National Committee as well as its national executive committee and the placing of the party's reins in the hands of a three-member national board.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH

At a press conference held in party headquarters, New York City, on June 8, 1961, Gus Hall said that the total party membership was 10,000 in 1960 and that it had grown since then. Party officials in giving membership figures to the press for any particular year or years have varied considerably, indicating that the party uses the term "member" to suit its own needs.

Although there has been a decline in membership of the Communist Party, U.S.A., since 1945, I would like to emphasize that the numerical strength of the party as a measuring device for potential dangerousness to our internal security is grossly inaccurate in reflecting the true facts. We should not be lulled into a sense of security simply because the party membership in this country represents a small percentage of our entire population. It is vital to recognize that the present hardcore party membership through its fanaticism, its propaganda, and its masked activities through front groups, and the like, wields an influence far out of proportion to the actual number of party members.

For example, William Z. Foster, the former head of the party who died in Soviet Russia in September 1961, said:

But the influence of the party stretches far and wide beyond the limits of its actual membership.

He also said:

The real power of the party is seen in the mass movements which it initiates * * *

or in other organizations to which it gives its support. As recently as January 1961, Foster said:

The Communist party in the United States today is potentially, if not actually, stronger than it ever was in history * * *

that while—

there was a time when the Communist Party in the United States had more members * * * its opportunity for growth and its potentiality as an organization is beyond compare.

For all practical purposes, the hard-core party membership in this country represents a Trojan horse of rigidly disciplined fanatics unalterably committed to bring this free Nation under the yoke of international communism which has 40 million members and 86 Communist Parties with over 60 of these in non-Communist countries.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

The party carries on many activities to further its subversive objectives. It has continued its efforts to infiltrate the trade union field, among minority groups, in the field of women's activities, among the youth, among the Negroes, and has been intensifying its propaganda and agitational apparatus.

The intensified drive of the party to attract youth continues unabated. Always anxious to spread its venom on college campuses across the Nation, it has launched an all-out campaign designed to lure youth into the web of communism. This is being done by having more national party functionaries appear before various student groups at various universities.

The party welcomes the opportunity to speak before student groups because it gives the party an aura of respectability; an opportunity to plant seeds of dissent in the minds of individuals; and an opportunity to recruit some youthful followers.

Since its inception the Communist Party, U.S.A. has been alert to capitalize on every possible issue or event which could be used to exploit the American Negro in furtherance of party aims. In its

efforts to influence the American Negro, the party attempts to infiltrate the legitimate Negro organizations for the purpose of stirring up racial prejudice and hatred. In this way, the party strikes a blow at our democratic form of government by attempting to influence public opinion throughout the world against the United States.

The fundamental aims of the Communist Party, U.S.A. propaganda are to spread the Communist doctrines among great masses of the people in order to condition them for revolutionary action; to divide, confuse, and weaken anti-Communist opposition; and to defend the Soviet Union.

This barrage of propaganda representing Communist demands is the Communist Party line. The pages of Communist publications are filled with these demands and the public speeches and statements of party leaders are largely based on them.

However vehemently the Communists may campaign for the various proposals which constitute the party line, they are not genuinely interested in "reforms" or improving our society. Communists declare themselves for a lasting international peace—as long as no one stands up to Communist aggression; for peaceful coexistence—strictly on Communist terms; and for freedom of all people—to live under a Communist dictatorship.

At the request of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, we prepared last year a brief analysis of the Communist Party Line, what it is, how it is formed, and how it operates. A reading of this pamphlet, which is available to any citizen upon request, will enable an individual to better understand and interpret the party line, realizing that it is a hypocritical and deceitful Communist technique to hoodwink and beguile us.

FBI COUNTERMEASURES

The FBI carries on numerous counterintelligence programs to be aware of the tactics and actions of the Communists and other subversives. Our coverage is the best that it has ever been.

COMMUNIST-FRONT GROUPS

Over the years the Communist Party, U.S.A., has carried on many of its operations through front organizations established for the purpose, or through the infiltration of legitimate existing organizations.

Through these organizations, the party conducts pressure campaigns, disseminates Communist propaganda, distributes Communist literature, raises funds, and insidiously exploits the masses and public opinion to further its revolutionary aims and purposes.

We have today approximately 185 of these known, or suspected, Communist front or Communist-infiltrated groups under active investigation.

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The Supreme Court in its decision of last June upheld the 1953 order of the Subversive Activities Control Board that the Communist Party of the United States is a Communist-action organization and required to register as such with the Attorney General under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 5-26-64

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: EDGAR C. BUNDY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

While seeing [redacted]
to Senator George A. Smathers (D-Florida), he made available the attached
letter which the Senator had received from Bundy.

It is noted in his letter that Bundy is asking Smathers to
get the off-the-record testimony which the Director gave before the House
Subcommittee on Appropriations last January regarding Martin Luther
King and the fact that King was a secret communist and pervert.

[redacted] said that he was merely going to advise Bundy that
material was not available.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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18 May 1964

NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

Senator George Smathers
U. S. Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I have just been advised by a very reliable source in Washington that in his off the record testimony before the House Sub-Committee on Appropriations last January, which hearing has just been released, J. Edgar Hoover said he had tapes and other evidence that Martin Luther King was a secret Communist and pervert to boot.

Martin Luther King is scheduled to address a huge Civil Rights rally in Soldier Field here in Chicago on June 21. The stadium seats 110,000 people.

I notice that Bayard Rustin, Negro, who used to be King's secretary years ago, made a speech before some 500 in Chicago the other day announcing the coming of Martin Luther King.

As you probably know, Rustin was arrested and convicted on similar morals charges in California several years ago.

Since Hoover is supposed to have made these remarks off the record, I suppose that it would be difficult to get a statement on this. But, I think it of sufficient importance to follow through on it.

Please, under no circumstances, mention my name in connection with this. I just think we ought to be able to get this information out in some manner from Hoover and especially have it during the current debate on the Civil Rights Bill, if at all possible.

Do you know of any way in which we might do this or through whom we might work?

Sincerest regards,

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

*Delivered to Mohr
Memo 5/26/64
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5 August 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed please find a copy of the debate which I had with Phillip Abbott ~~Luce~~, of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Permanent Student Committee For Travel to Cuba, on radio station WOR, New York City, July 22, 1964, 8:15 to 9:00 P.M.

I trust that you will find the contents of the tape valuable for reference and study.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Department Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Wednesday evening, July 22, I debated one Phillip Luce for forty-five minutes on the Barry Farber Show, Radio Station W.O.R., New York City.

Mr. Luce was accompanied by [redacted] who did not participate in the broadcast but who remained in the studio during the debate.

As you will recall in testimony on the 1965 Appropriations Bill you discussed on pages 315-317 the Permanent Student Committee For Travel to Cuba, at which time you mentioned the indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury at New York City on September 27, 1963 against Lee Levi Dub, Phillip Abbot Luce, Stefan Martinot, and Antol Schlosser, charging them with conspiracy to violate Section 1185(b), title 8, U. S. Code, etc.

At the end of the broadcast, during which time Mr. Luce made violent attacks against the F.B.I., its director, and the Investigating Committees of the Congress, [redacted] in the presence of Mr. Barry Farber and myself openly admitted membership in the Communist Party, and gleefully stated that he was proud to be a communist and in favor of Fidel Castro.

I thought that you would like to have this information to supply to the Attorney General in case of indictments and prosecutions planned under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

I would be happy to testify under oath to this conversation if such testimony is needed in court.

I hope to have a copy of the broadcast tape within the next several days and will send a copy to you.

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Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-10-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: RADIO DEBATE BETWEEN EDGAR C. BUNDY
AND PHILLIP ABBOTT LUCE

BACKGROUND:

By letter to the Director dated 7-27-64, Bundy, Executive Secretary, Church League of America, advised he had debated Luce, who is connected with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC), on 7-22-64, on the Barry Farber Show over Radio Station WOR, New York, New York. Bundy noted attacks on the Director made by Luce and said he was forwarding a tape of this broadcast to the Director. Bundy's letter was not acknowledged.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT:

A copy of this tape has been received from Bundy, accompanied by his letter dated 8-5-64.

A review of this tape reflects that several times Bundy makes the point that Luce is a leader of the ECLC and that the organization has been cited as a communist front by various legislative committees. Luce claims repeatedly that the only purpose of the ECLC is to defend the Bill of Rights, that the organization has been "smeared" by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and similar groups, and that it is not a communist front. He said that the Communist Party (CP) has a right to function as long as it has not been convicted of attempting to overthrow the Government. Luce said that as an American citizen he had a right to travel where and when he wants, that he had gone to Cuba, that he had arranged for students to go to Cuba and that he was proud of it. He said that the Central Intelligence Agency and "other intelligence agencies" had lied to the Government and that they are the real enemies of our people. Luce and Bundy engaged in a heated discussion regarding court decisions relating to the registration of the Communist Party.

REFERENCES TO THE DIRECTOR:

At one point, Bundy, in defending the HCUA and similar legislative bodies, said these groups had been praised by the Director. In reply, Luce said the Director should

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach
Re: RADIO DEBATE BETWEEN EDGAR C. BUNDY
AND PHILLIP ABBOTT LUCE

retire "as 'Life' magazine suggested." Luce criticized the Director's "attacks on decent American organizations" and said he did not care "what you or Hoover called us."

Bundy replied saying he became "riled up" when a "young man" attacks official bodies of the United States Congress and the Director of the FBI. Luce's response was he would "attack J. Edgar Hoover as 'Life' magazine has" and will continue "the fight for freedom of speech."

At another point, Bundy, in characterizing Luce, quoted from the Director's 1965 Appropriations Testimony (page 49) where it is noted that Luce and others were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at New York on 9-27-63, on passport violations involving illegal travel to Cuba.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

The activities of Bundy are well known to the Bureau. He is a pious hypocrite and a professional anticommunist of the worst sort. He has claimed to support the FBI while attacking some of its officials. He is a sexual pervert and we have had absolutely no dealings with him. Correspondence received from him has not been acknowledged.

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Bufile 100-434042. [redacted] the publication, "Rights," which is issued by the ECLC. This organization has been cited as a communist front by the HCUA.

We have no derogatory information identifiable with Barry Farber, and we have enjoyed excellent relations with Radio Station WOR.

RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgment be afforded Bundy's letter.

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Operational Systems Office
Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.
Civic Center Building
157 West 5th Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 25th concerning a communication allegedly emanating from the Office of the Attorney General. Since this is not a matter coming within the authority of the FBI, I am taking the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to the Attorney General for whatever assistance he may be able to furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Morrell - Enclosure

2 - Sent to Deputy Attorney via routing slip

NOTE: Files contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The Reuther memo has previously come to the attention of the Bureau, and a copy of it is already in Bufiles. That memo has been reproduced by the Church League of America, which organization is headed by Edgar Bundy, who is well known to the Bureau as a pious hypocrite, a sexual pervert and a professional anticommunist of the worse sort.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

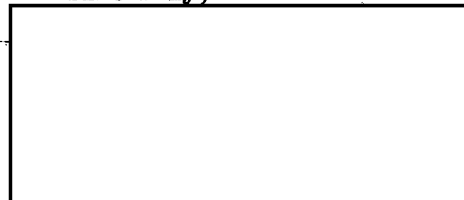
I am writing this as a representative of the Space Technology Laboratories Republican Group in participation of the Federal Good Government Program.

I have in my possession a copy of the Annual Report of the Church League of America dated 1962 which contains a Special Report on a memorandum from Walter Reuther to the Attorney General of the United States. A cover letter dated July 11, 1963 from the Office of the Attorney General to a [redacted] 1801-1802 Finance Building, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania accompanied the memorandum. In essence, this memorandum outlines five steps to be taken to stop or diminish the activities of the Conservative organizations in the United States.

I would appreciate your verifying the true existence of this memorandum so that I may publish in our local organizational Newsletter at least a portion of the contents of this memorandum.

I am in deep appreciation for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Grace Methodist Church

238 THOMAS AVENUE -- TELEPHONE ED 2-2952

Greenville, Mississippi

September 23, 1964

R. T. WOODARD, PASTOR

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have a problem within our local congregation. We have some individuals who insist the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. is a communist front organization, or at least heavily infiltrated with communist influence; and that the communist conspiracy has in fact greatly infiltrated the clergy of America. Their main source of information is a book, MANNUAL FOR SURVIVAL (published by The Church League of America, Edgar C. Bundy, General Chairman, 1961, Library of Congress card #61 - 1716), in which you are quoted several times.

In U.S.C.
I am enclosing the quotations attributed to you as they appear in the MANNUAL FOR SURVIVAL. I would appreciate very much if you will verify whether or not you are quoted correctly and within the context of the purpose of the original statements or articles; and make any comment about these statements you may wish to make.

Since the National Council of Churches is the particular issue with us at this time, would you please comment on its record as a communist front or not? If this does not fall under your jurisdiction, would you please guide me to persons or information which would be able to help us resolve our problem?

All in our congregation will appreciate very much any help you can give us.

Sincerely yours,



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Qoutes from MANNUAL FOR SURVIVAL:

pp 133-134 - the testimony of J. Edgar Hoover before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, March 26, 1947, p. 43 of Mr. Hoover's testimony:

"I have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fevor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and the progressive who have been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the communists. I confess a real apprehension so long as communist are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby communists and fellow travelers, under the guise of academic freedom, can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that will undermine faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority and sabatoge our revered constitution."

p 135 - from article by Mr. Hoover in the February 1949 Redbook Magazine, entitled, "God or Chaos":

quoting first the MANNUAL - "Mr Hoover stated flatly that Communist Party members are invading the churches, attempting to capture control of church boards and commissions, and had been successful in a number of instances."

then-quoting Mr. Hoover: "It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Many communists fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body. Church leaders can stop this nefarious infiltration by taking vigorous action in the boards and commissions under church supervision. Individual members can avoid being hoodwinked if they will stay close to the fundamentals of their faith."

p.135 - the testimony of J. Edgar Hoover before the House Unamerican Activities Committee, March 6, 1947, p. 38 of Mr. Hoover's testimony:

"The open avowed communist who carries a card and pays dues is no different from a security standpoint than the person who does the party's work, but pays no dues, carries no card and is not on the party rolls. In fact, the latter is a greater menance because of his opportunity to work in stealth."

"Fellow travelers and sympathizers can deny party membership, but they can never escape the undeniable fact that they have played into the communist hands, thus furthering the communist cause by playing the role of innocent, gullible or wilful allies."

The above qoutes are used in the MANNUAL FOR SURVIVAL to show that this is what has happen to most of the American clergy. The context of Mr. Hoover's statements imply Mr. Hoover is making such a charge against the American clergy - i.e., the context of Mr. Hoover's statements as used in the MANNUAL FOR SURVIVAL.

following statement, "I believe that everyone should know that we are for Russia and if need be we will die for the cause. I don't mean that war with Russia is coming soon; I hope not, so that Russia will be better prepared."

What To Do

What can we do? And what should be our course of action? The best antidote to Communism is vigorous, intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance. I do not favor any course of action which would give the Communists cause to portray and pity themselves as martyrs. I do favor unrelenting prosecution wherever they are found to be violating our country's laws.

As Americans, our most effective defense is a workable democracy that guarantees and preserves our cherished freedoms.

I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence and the industry to learn about this menace of Red Fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers under the guise of academic freedom can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority and sabotage our revered Constitution.

I do fear so long as American labor groups are infiltrated, dominated or saturated with the virus of Communism. I do fear the palliation and weasel-worded gestures against Communism indulged in by some of our labor leaders who should know better but who have become pawns in the hands of sinister but astute manipulators for the Communist cause.

I fear for ignorance on the part of all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda.

I am deeply concerned whenever I think of the words of an oldtime Communist. Disillusioned, disgusted and frightened he came to us with his story and concluded:

"God help America or any other country if the Communist Party ever gets strong enough to control labor and politics. God help us all!"

The Communist have been, still are and always will be a menace to freedom, to democratic ideals, to the worship of God and to America's way of life.

I feel that once public opinion is thoroughly aroused as it is today, the fight against Communism is well on its way. Victory will be assured once Communists are identified and exposed, because the public will take the first step of quarantining them so they can do no harm. Communism, in reality, is not a political Party. It is a way of life -- an evil and malignant way of life. It reveals a condition akin to disease that spreads like an epidemic and like an epidemic a quarantine is necessary to keep it from infecting the Nation.

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The size of the Party is relatively unimportant because of the enthusiasm and iron-clad discipline under which they operate. In this connection it might be of interest to observe that in 1917 when the Communists overthrew the Russian Government there was one Communist for every 2,277 persons in Russia. In the United States today there is one Communist for every 1,814 persons in the country.

One who accepts the aims, principles, and program of the Party, who attends meetings, who reads the Party press and literature, who pays dues and who is active on behalf of the Party "shall be considered a member." The open, avowed Communist who carries a card and pays dues is no different from a security standpoint than the person who does the Party's work but pays no dues, carries no card and is not on the Party rolls. In fact, the latter is a greater menace because of his opportunity to work in stealth.

Identifying Undercover Communists, Fellow Travelers and Sympathizers

The burden of proof should be placed upon those who consistently follow the ever-changing, twisting Party line. Fellow travelers and sympathizers can deny Party membership but they can never escape the undeniable fact that they have played into the Communist hands, thus furthering the Communist cause by playing the role of innocent, gullible or wilful allies.

Propaganda Activities

The Communists have developed one of the greatest propaganda machines the world has ever known. They have been able to penetrate and infiltrate many respectable and reputable public opinion mediums.

They capitalize upon ill-founded charges associating known honest progressive liberals with left wing causes. I have always entertained the view that there are few appellations more degrading than "Communist" and hence it should be reserved for those justly deserving the degradation.

The Communist propaganda technique is designed to promote emotional response with the hope that the victim will be attracted by what he is told the Communist way of life holds in store for him. The objective, of course, is to develop discontent and hasten the day when the Communists can gather sufficient support and following to overthrow the American way of life.

Communist propaganda is always slanted in the hope that the Communist may be aligned with liberal progressive causes. The honest liberal and progressive should be alert to this and I believe the Communists' most effective foes can be the real liberals and progressives who understand their devious machinations.

The deceptiveness of Communist "double talk" fulfills the useful propaganda technique of confusion. In fact, Lenin referred to their peculiar brand of phraseology as, "... that cursed Aesopian language... which... compels all revolutionaries to have recourse, whenever they took up their pens to write 'legal' work." Lenin used it for the purpose of avoiding "censorship."



God or Chaos?

Many Americans, including some prominent religious leaders, have failed to realize—or refused to believe—that Communism is an avowed enemy of the Church, a fact documented here with irrefutable evidence by the head of our F. B. I.

BY JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

Recently, some Communists in Illinois were discussing the recruiting of a new Party member. All agreed that the man under discussion would make a good Communist. One member said, "The mere fact that he goes to church every Sunday shouldn't stop him from joining the Party."

"We must explain to him that the Communist Party is a nonsectarian organization and respects all religions. The Soviet Union recognizes religious freedom. Stalin even granted interviews to priests and ministers."

"We must tell him that the fundamental basis of Christianity is Communism. But over the years the capitalists have worked themselves into the church and are using religion for their own purpose. The capitalists now see the writing on the wall and in their desperation will resort to anything. It does not matter what they do; their end is near. We can see it in China, in India, in Palestine, and on the march with the progressive forces all over Europe."

Another group of Communists deliberately set out in an Eastern city to proselyte a respected minister of considerable prominence in the churches of his denomination. Their cynical campaign was successful. In due time, the naïve old gentleman was calling himself a "Christian Communist."

Last June still another Communist group on the Pacific Coast, discussing the problem of recruiting new members, agreed that the Party should concentrate on church people who, once recruited, would be instructed to stay in the churches. One comrade, misconstruing the tenor of the discussion and seeking to curry favor, admitted that he had been considering joining a church himself. The presiding Party functionary put this man's thinking straight and brought him back to Com-

Communist fundamentals by remarking, "To hell with religion! The church is the thing we have to oppose."

The rebuked comrade docilely knuckled under, as all well-trained Communists do, but attempted to save face with words.

"Yes," he said, "I guess you are right. The Communist Party is a kind of religion, and the Communist Party follows the Ten Commandments in advocating the 'brotherhood of man.'"

It is doubtful that he had ever read the Ten Commandments, but he was correct in saying that the Communist Party tries to develop the lie that Communism is a religion.

This, in fact, is the real menace of Communism. It is a materialistic way of life, inflaming in its adherents fanaticism that can be placated by nothing less than the complete destruction of all creeds except its own. Whether the religion is that of the Christian, Jew or Mohammedan makes no difference. The Communist is against God and the worship of God.

The struggle between Communism and Democracy is more than a clash of political ideologies. It is the offensive of atheism against all forms of religions that base themselves on the belief in God.

To every honest student of Communism, the evidence is clear and unequivocal that Communism is anti-God, anti-Christ and antimoral. Communism is religion's mortal foe.

The latest Constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A., in the very first sentence of its preamble states, "The Communist Party of the United States is the political party of the American working class, basing itself upon the principles of scientific socialism, Marxism-Leninism."

This new constitution means a re-dedication of the Party to the revolutionary tactics of overthrowing the Government of the United States by force and violence. But what has this to do with religion?

Marx, who coined the phrase "Religion is the opium of the people," wrote in the Communist manifesto, "... Communism abolishes eternal truths; it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience."

Marx denied the existence of God and held that atheism could not be separated from the Communist concept. In fact, Marx advocated, "The criticism of religion is the beginning of all criticism."

This was so fundamental that Communism has always held to the conviction that "Atheism is a natural and inseparable part of Marxism, of the theory and practice of scientific socialism."

A Communist writer explained the absence of a specific Communist treatise on religion in these words: "It is not an accident, therefore, that the works of our great masters, Marx, Engels and Lenin, contain no complete and systematic statement of their proletarian atheism. It is not usual to talk of obvious facts."

Since atheism is so closely associated with Marxism, a "class-conscious Marxist Party must carry on propaganda in favor of atheism."

Lenin, the man who developed and applied the principles of Communism, constantly urged, "The Marxist must be a materialist, i.e., an enemy of religion," and in expounding his views said, "We must combat religion—this is the ABC of all materialism, and consequently Marxism. But Marxism is not materialism, which stops at the ABC. Marxism goes further. It says: We must be able to combat religion, and in order to do this we must explain from the materialistic point of view why faith and religion are prevalent among the masses."

Lenin, realizing how deep-rooted religion is, recommended caution and a clever combination of open attack with deceit and subterfuge.

The League of Militant Atheists and the Society of Militant Dialectical Materialists were created in Russia to lead the fight against all religions. When the Party's program could better be promoted these agencies disbanded to fit the Party's tactics. Although now officially dissolved, their tenets and principles are still taught and followed. The standard admonitions of these espousers of atheism are: "Remember that the struggle against religion is a struggle for socialism," and "Religion can lead only in carrying the dead to the grave; religion does not and cannot lead the living masses of workers ... in the struggle to build up a free social system."

Yaroslavsky, an old Bolshevik who was among Lenin's early "Brain Trusters" and later was the Party historian and Stalin's biographer, was assigned to the task of liquidating religion in the Soviet Union. He headed the organized forces of the godless and stood high in the Party's Councils. It is significant in understanding the background of many American Communist leaders to point out that they attended a Lenin school in Moscow where they were given post-graduate courses in Communist tactics and strategy. One who attended the school reported upon returning to the United States that Krishonovna, the wife of Yaroslavsky, was one of the leaders in this school and saw to it that Americans attending this school received proper Communist indoctrination in militant atheism.

No religion, denomination or sect has been spared the fury and contempt of the Communists. God is their foe, and God's power over the civilized world is a barrier to their advances. The Communist printing presses turned out thousands upon thousands of posters portraying God, Christ and religion in the vilest and most obscene manner conceivable. They utilized every technique of vilification, from condemnation to ridicule, and even attempted to attack religion as a fantastic myth. These posters were distributed throughout Russia to poison the minds of youth and to destroy the faith of all in God and His teachings. The distortions of the Communists are as far-fetched as their lies on other phases of life in the free coun-

tries which they seek to corrupt and eventually dominate.

One revolutionist, a member of Lenin's inner circle who discussed extensively the "world revolution," scornfully lamented, in referring to the religious views of Christians, "Equally foolish things are done by the religious Jew, the Moslem Turk, the Buddhist Chinese, in a word, by everyone who believes in God. ... Religion ... not only leaves people in a state of barbarism, but helps to leave them in a state of slavery." Using the reasoning of Communist tight-rope walkers, Communists say, "Religion must be fought, if not by violence, at all events by argument."

The American Communist will be quick to answer that the statements I have referred to were made in a foreign country and do not apply to the American brand of Communism. But these statements of Russian Communists were printed in the United States, and their writings have been widely circulated among American Communists.

The American Communists, however, display no originality in their opinions on religion. They take their cues from the principles of "Marxism-Leninism."

For example, William Z. Foster, now head of the American Communist Party, in discussing what would happen if the Communists succeeded in creating a "United Soviet States of America," says, "The churches will remain free to continue their services, but their special tax and other privileges will be liquidated. Their buildings will revert to the state. Religious schools will be abolished and organized religious training for minors prohibited. Freedom will be established for antireligious propaganda. ... God will be banished from the laboratories as well as from the schools."

Foster says, "The mildness or severity of the repressive measures used by the workers to liquidate this class (of Americans) politically will depend directly upon the character of the latter's resistance. While the whole trend of the revolutionary worker is against violence, they always have an iron fist for counter-revolution."

In other words, Mr. Foster, who denounces any truthful statement on the real aims of Communism as "Red baiting," "Hitler tactics," or "Fascism," would not hesitate to use the iron fist if he thought it safe. He says that American political parties will be liquidated and, "Likewise, will be dissolved all other organizations that are political props of the bourgeois rule, including Chambers of Commerce, employers' associations, Rotary Clubs, American Legion, YMCA, and such fraternal orders as the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Columbus, etc."

As the followers of Christianity have been the object of Communist persecution and venom, so the believers in the world's oldest religion—Judaism—likewise have been among those singled out for repression and scorn. Truly, Communism is anti-God and against all religions.

We have witnessed the horrible plight of the Jews under the Hitler brand

selves, as laymen in any church have a right to ask a brother, they replied variously from "None of your business" to "The suffering of an individual as a result of such attacks is small compared to the sufferings of Christ."

Many Communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body. It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy! Church leaders can stop this nefarious infiltration by taking vigorous action in the boards and commissions under church supervision. Individual ministers and church members can avoid being hoodwinked if they will stay close to the fundamentals of their faith. Any minister who cannot find in his Bible sufficient argument for the cause of liberty and social justice—who has to borrow the double-talk of the Communists—is in the wrong profession and should be carefully watched by his official superiors and his congregation.

Religion is the only force that can save our civilization. Only in religion can men learn to live at peace with one another, because only religion puts total emphasis on serving others rather than self. In the twilight of despair which is settling on so many areas of the earth, we must turn to the Fatherhood of God.

The zeal of early Christians stamped out paganism in Rome and conquered the savage gods of the northern barbarians. That same zeal could convert godless Communism. It is up to the churches of America to recapture the militant spirit of Paul and to fulfill the magnificent prophecy of John:

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

... THE END

Almost Too Good to Be True

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(This article is continued from page 31) to learn what show business was all about. After a while on the road she was placed in a New York City dancing school and presently got a job with the Chester Hale Dancers at the Capitol Theater. She went on tour in vaudeville, playing straight parts opposite Ken Murray for two seasons. Next she was with Bert Lahr. This experience taught her the quick comedy timing that you'll notice in her radio shows.

Back on Broadway, she was mistress of ceremonies in one of the big and popular night clubs.

It was during this engagement that she saw Ozzie Nelson, then tops in the band world. "We both played at a New Year's party in the Edison Hotel ballroom, and we were so close that our sleeves touched, but we weren't even aware of each other," Harriet told me. About that time she made a number of movie shorts at Paramount's studio in Astoria, Long Island, with Rudy Vallee. One of those shorts was titled "Musical Justice"—and this one was definitely tagged by destiny. Call it coincidence, fate, whatever. Anyway, Ozzie Nelson happened to drop into the Paramount Theater one day and saw that picture.

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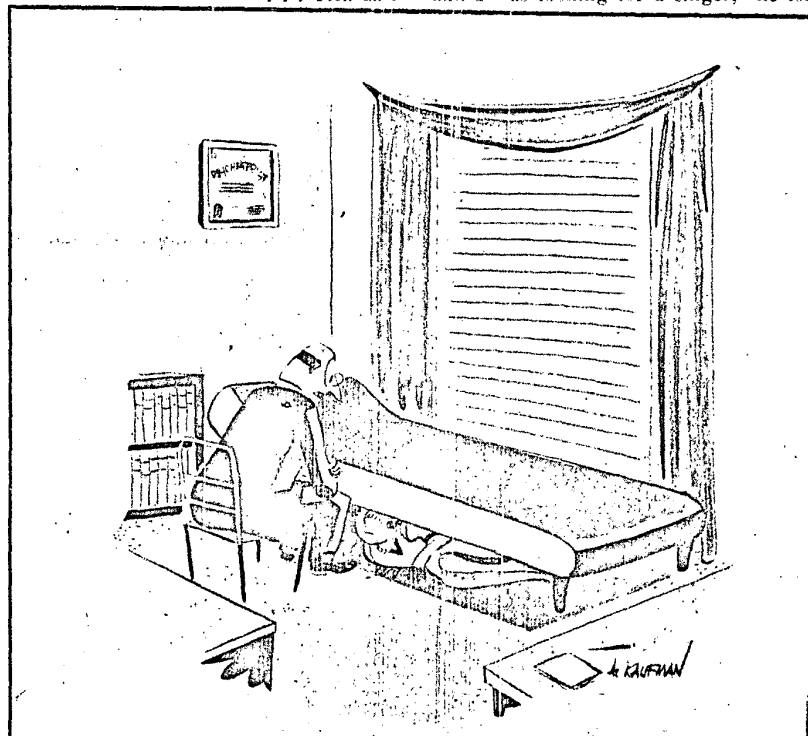
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of Fascism. Red Fascism has made no improvement in their lot.

During the Russian Revolution a group of rabbis went to Trotsky, then Lenin's co-conspirator, and asked him to withdraw for the sake of all Jewish people. He replied, "Go home to your Jews, and tell them I am not a Jew, and care nothing for Jews and their fate."

Hebrew as a language has been barred in Russia and Zionism outlawed with institutional Judaism losing ground. A late report of the Union of Militant Jewish Atheists deplores the fact that it is not losing ground fast enough.

From the earliest days when Communism came to power, the followers of the Mosaic faith have been the target of Communist vilification and hate. They were ridiculed and opposed, while the Jewish clergy, like their Christian brothers, lived in constant fear of extinction. Communism is opposed to the real tenets of the Jewish faith as vigorously as it is opposed to Christianity.

Actually, very few Jews belong to the Communist Party in the Soviet Union. In America, there are names which the public associates with names of Jewish origin on the membership rolls of the Communist Party; but a Jew who follows the teachings of Judaism could never be a Communist.

The American Communists for a long time soft-pedaled their antireligious propaganda and sought to ingratiate themselves with religious people by featuring the names of a few prominent Communists who, by tradition, family connections and childhood training, were associated with respected religious organizations.

The reason the Party has been less articulate on religion in recent years was aptly explained in a recent discussion among Party members. They have recognized, it was stated, that church groups could be of assistance in community campaigns and in furtherance of the Party program. Hence widespread public condemnation in opposition to religion has been discouraged.

The Party today, however, is becoming more open in its stand on religion. A few of their more versatile Communist writers have unlimbered their guns, particularly at the Roman Catholic Church, for a twofold purpose. In the first instance, it is part of the Party line because of the large numbers of Catholics in the satellite countries, and, second, being masters of the "divide and conquer" tactic, they hope to divide Christendom and stir up strife between Catholics and Protestants.

The happenings at a recent Communist Party meeting behind closed doors show how well the Party line has been handed down to local groups. At this particular meeting one speaker outlined the history of the Roman Catholic Church from the days of the early persecution of Christians in Rome. He then said that the Church, which based its doctrine upon the scriptures, would not allow any radical changes, and consequently people could not progress because the Church would "expel them" for having ideas contrary to church

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Thinking parents select camps with as much care as they use in selecting a school or college. Boys and girls need a summer vacation in a different environment, that they may return to their school work in September more vitally interested—eager.

Sunshine, fresh air, the peace of the hills and forests, freedom from tension—these we owe our children. And all of these advantages will be theirs if you select a summer camp directed by intelligent, able camp educators.

Delightful and varied are the activities offered in the thoroughly fine camps. For the younger boy or girl—excellent swimming instruction, all water sports, tennis, games under the supervision of trained men and women. For the older children—riding or sailing, canoe trips, trips abroad or in this country, ranch camps in the Western Rockies—camps that specialize in music or dancing. These are only a few of the thrilling experiences awaiting boys and girls of camp age.

In choosing a camp do not rely on the word of friends, but write to the directors of the camps listed in this issue of REDBOOK on pages 95-96. If you do not find a camp which meets your requirements, may we assist you? Year after year the members of the staff of REDBOOK's Department of Education have been visiting and investigating camps in all camping areas. In writing, tell us all about the child for whom you wish to select a camp, and include the amount you will spend for the two-month period, the location you prefer, any other preferences you may have, and the particular activities and interests you wish stressed. Address:

Ethel F. Bobb, Director
Department of Education
Redbook Magazine
444 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.
Tel: MURRAY Hill 6-4600

teachings. They make the lie that the Church supports the wealthy and seeks to hold the poor in a state of poverty. The point was then made that the Catholics have now gained a foothold in the United States and were on the same team with the capitalists and must be fought, which is nothing but a propaganda trick.

Then the speaker stopped his double-talk and showed his true colors. "The Communist Party," he said, "has a position on churches." He said, "No

true Marxist can believe in any religion. The Church is an enemy of the working class and must be considered as such." He concluded by saying, "We, as Communists, must show the Church up for what it actually is—an enemy of the people." In this he did not differentiate Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, makes no difference; it is their belief in the reality of God that Communists hate and are dedicated to destroy.

The Communists are past masters at playing on ideals that are near and dear to Americans, as well as playing upon passions and prejudices. In discussing religion a Party spokesman said that as "Marxists we must constantly remember that our program calls for a unification of all sections of the people's forces. . . . As Marxists we should know that we must always seek ways to unite the Church masses wherever possible on issues, however moderate and always with a sensitive regard for their deep-going religious feelings in order to win them away from the Church and for democratic advance. . . . We must bring the Church masses to understand that ours is not an anticlerical position, but a position against clerical reaction."

The sorry but tragic infiltration with this type of Communist propaganda occurred recently in a Midwestern city. There an unofficial social-action group of one of our Protestant denominations flagrantly abused and misused the name of a great church. In praising the Soviet Union and criticizing the United States, the Sermon on the Mount, the Christmas story, the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the name of religion were invoked. "The story of Mary," said one speaker, means "not the improvement of the present social order, but its revolutionary abolition and replacement anew."

Non-Communist writers who should know better often parrot the Red-Fascist line that Communism and the teachings of Christ have much in common. Recently in one of our leading magazines a writer in referring to one of our great and beloved national heroes attributed to him the belief that "Pure Communism, indeed, might be a Christlike doctrine were it not for its political implications." It is difficult to believe the views of this great leader were properly portrayed.

The Communists have demonstrated time and again their mastery of deception in injecting their slogans and propaganda into Christian groups on the themes of "peace," "democracy," "aid to the poor" and "civil liberties." They are just as facile in dealing with Jewish groups in passing the lie that there is no "anti-Semitism in Russia." To the Jew they say that Palestine is the natural home of the Jews, and to the Mohammedan they deplore Jewish encroachment upon the Arabs. Selling and pandering the hellish hates of Communism, they represent themselves as all things to all people.

Individuals who, if they are not Communists, have followed every twist of the Party's line have defended themselves on the basis of their self-declared nominal affiliation with the Church. When the Catholic War Veterans asked a group of Communists to declare them-

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September 28, 1964

Reverend R. T. Woodard
Grace Methodist Church
238 Thomas Avenue
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Woodard:

I received your letter of September 23rd, with enclosure and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

With respect to your inquiry, regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude my commenting as you suggested. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the National Council of Churches. In addition, I am unable to direct you to a source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

The quotations attributed to me which you enclosed are correct and, as a clarification of my position on the subject of communism and religion, I pointed out in my book, "Masters of Deceit," that the Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures, and I assure you this Bureau will continue to make every effort to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

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Reverend R. T. Woodard

I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the insidious philosophy of communism.

Enclosed is some material I hope you will find of interest. Some of these contain suggestions as to how citizens can defend our democratic way of life against the false doctrine of communism. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my book, "A Study of Communism." It is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. Both "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism" may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

4-1-61 LEB Intro

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

"Faith in Freedom"

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Church League of America has not been investigated by the Bureau. Its monthly publication, "News and Views," is published for clergymen, laymen, educators and purports to set forth articles designed for their interest. We have received numerous inquiries concerning this organization and its General Chairman, Edgar C. Bundy. Bundy

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Reverend R. T. Woodard

NOTE continued: claims to have been a Major in the Air Force Intelligence. He is also a former Baptist Minister who lectures around the country on communism. He has been the subject of a closed impersonation case. (100-158864) Copies of the Director's statements referred to by correspondent are attached.

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Burbank, California 91504

Dear

I received the letter of October 12th from you and your family and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI and for your interest in literature disseminated by this Bureau. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organization or the individual you named.

I am enclosing a copy of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, on January 29, 1964, along with other literature which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating the evil of communism. Material which this Bureau is privileged to distribute is sent free of charge.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondents' are not identifiable in Bufiles. Bundy is well known in Bureau files for his attack against the National Council of Churches and for his homosexual tendencies. Name of organization is not being used because correspondent used incorrect name.

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[Redacted]
Burbank, Calif
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Oct. 12, 1964-

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington - D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have followed, with much interest and admiration, the administration and work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation--and read the various reports-books and statements made by you, as director of this Bureau--

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Thank you very much & God Bless the work you are doing in making the world a better place.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature Box]

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P.S. If there is an cost for mailing etc--
Please let us know---

Thank You---

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 30, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: **EDGAR BUNDY**
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

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Bundy is the reported homosexual whom the Bureau has found it necessary to severely dress down several times because he was selling the Director's reprints of speeches and articles for \$.50 a piece at his speeches around the country. He is a thoroughly disreputable individual and his reputation and background are well established in our files. *Informant Wash DC*

[redacted] Friday afternoon, [redacted] and stated that [redacted] Bundy that date. Bundy called from Chicago Bundy [redacted] on a strictly confidential basis that he had it on absolute authority that the Director [redacted] Director's assistants by the name of C. D. DeLoach. Bundy [redacted] DeLoach had done this was because he aspired for the Directorship of the FBI. Bundy [redacted] told me that he knew [redacted] [redacted] stated he well knew Bundy's reputation.

[redacted] that I appreciated his tipping us off to Bundy's call and that I could understand the malice, and that while I did not mind in the least anyone thinking that [redacted] at the same time I did not aspire to the Directorship of the FBI and that it was a well known fact that when and if Mr. Hoover left I would leave at the same time. [redacted] stated he needed no explanation, that actually he had hung up the phone on Bundy.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *J. Flu*
for SAC, NEW YORK (100-154029)

SUBJECT: CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA
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DATE: 11/16/64

Attached hereto for the information of the Bureau is a Photostat of Special Report dated September, 1963, of the Church League of America, 422 North Prospect Street, Wheaton, Illinois, which is sub-captioned The Reuther Memorandum to the Attorney General of the United States. A copy of this was furnished to Assistant Director JOHN F. MALONE on 10/30/64, by JOHN GLEASON, National Director of the Boys Clubs of America, 771 First Avenue, New York City.

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This is being submitted in the event the Bureau has not previously received a copy of this report.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Chicago for information since the report indicates that the Church League of America is located at Wheaton, Illinois. It is presumed that Chicago has previously received information concerning this report. However, if Chicago needs a copy, New York should be advised and such will be submitted to Chicago.

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SEPTEMBER, 1963

Church League of America
422 North Prospect Street, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

THE REUTHER MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

FOREWORD BY CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Walter and Victor Reuther called on Attorney General Robert Kennedy in the Fall of 1961 and laid out an oral plan on how to destroy the Conservative rebellion within the United States. Robert Kennedy requested that the plan be submitted to him in writing. On December 19, 1961 a 24-page memorandum was given to the Attorney-General and the writer was identified as Victor Reuther.

The memorandum, which was distributed to all high Kennedy Administration officials and to "certain sympathetic Senators and Congressmen" contained five major courses of action which should be initiated by the Attorney General:

1. Muzzle the military and stop the recall to active duty of Conservatives such as General James Van Fleet by having the Secretary of Defense issue orders against speeches or articles opposing Communism.
2. Stop listing pro-communist organizations exclusively as subversive on the annual Attorney General's list and add the names of conservative organizations so that the list would not be "lop-sided." This would cause the membership of the conservative organizations to drop out as they would not want to be associated with a "subversive" organization on the Attorney General's list. That would then bring about the end of the organization.
3. Stop the flow of funds to the conservative organizations by having the Internal Revenue Service investigate all tax-exempt conservative religious and educational organizations and find some pretext for removing tax-exemption.
4. Use the power of the Federal Communications Commission to investigate radio and television stations carrying conservative programs and see if such stations are violating FCC regulations.
5. Curb the activities of J. Edgar Hoover who "exaggerates the domestic Communist menace at every turn and contributes to the public's frame of mind." Hoover was charged in the memo with "fifteen years of overstating a problem."

At least four of the suggestions of the Reuthers are in operation now and proof is overwhelming.

Here is the covering letter from the Office of the Attorney General, signed by Andrew F. Oehmann, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, identifying the following as "The Reuther Memorandum."

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Washington, D. C.
July 11, 1963

Mr. John Wesley Rhoads
1801 - 1802 Finance Building
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rhoads:

This is in response to your letter of June 6, 1963 to the Attorney General requesting a copy of the Reuther Memorandum concerning the "radical right."

A copy of the memorandum is enclosed herewith. Please excuse the delay in answering your inquiry. We were unable to locate the memo before this.

Sincerely,

Andrew F. Oehmann
Executive Assistant to the
Attorney General

(THE REUTHER MEMORANDUM)

The Radical Right in America Today

President Kennedy's addresses in Seattle and Los Angeles on November 16 and 18 evidenced both a deep concern with, and a profound understanding of, the serious problems injected into American life by the growing strength of the radical right. A spate of articles in responsible newspapers and periodicals reflect this same concern and understanding. Perhaps therefore this memorandum will prove but a repetition and restatement of suggestions already under consideration by the Administration. Since, however, the public discussion to date concerning the radical right has produced little in the line of suggested policies and programs for dealing with the serious problems raised, this memorandum may have some value in focusing attention upon possible Administration policies and programs to combat the radical right.

Initially, it needs to be said that far more is required in the struggle against the radical right than simply calling attention to present and potential dangers. If the Administration truly recognizes this as a serious problem, as it

certainly appears to do, it is most important that President Kennedy's addresses in Seattle and Los Angeles be implemented. Speeches without action may well only mobilize the radical right instead of mobilizing the democratic forces within our nation. It is with this consideration in view that there is set forth below an estimate of the extent of the problem and suggested Administration policies and programs for dealing with the problem.

Extent of Problem

The radical right or extreme right-wing, or however it may be designated, includes an unknown number of millions of Americans of viewpoints bounded on the left by Senator Goldwater and on the right by Robert Welch. The active component of these radical right millions would, of course, be only a small fraction of the total. But, whatever may be the difficulty of ascertaining their numbers, these radical right groups are probably stronger and are almost certainly better organized than at any time in recent history. More significant yet, they are growing in strength and there is no reason to expect a turning of the tide in this regard during the foreseeable Cold War period ahead. And, possibly most significant of all, their relationship to and infiltration of the Armed Services adds a new dimension to the seriousness with which they must be viewed.

New radical right organizations have sprung up like weeds in the last few years; it is estimated by the Anti-Defamation League that almost a hundred such organizations have been organized in 1961 alone. Welch's Birch Society, Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, and Hargis' Christian Crusade, are among the most powerful of the new groups. Benson's Harding College and National Education Program and H. L. Hunt's Life Line have earlier histories, but they have expanded along with the growth of the new groups. But all of these groups together are only part of an even larger and constantly growing movement which is well manned and even better financed. The Birch Society alone probably has a million dollars a year at its disposal; so does the Christian Crusade (which is just one of 3 Hargis ventures). The radical right as a whole — and estimating conservatively — must have twenty or more times this much on call. There are vast quantities of literature, films and records emanating from the radical right and even such things as radical right bookshops are beginning to spring up. (General Walker gave one of these bookshops, The Bookmailer in New York, a big plug on national television December 3rd).

The Birch Society may be the best known today. But others are equally strong and perhaps more influential. Take a look at Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, for example. In the Anti-Communist School he ran in St. Louis earlier this year he was backed by the *St. Louis Globe Democrat* and was sponsored by the Mayor and Chief of Police of St. Louis and both United States Senators. Governor John M. Dalton even officially proclaimed this "anti-Communism week in Missouri." The New York Times eyewitness report from St. Louis asserted that one of the most striking things there was "the large proportion of younger people." Schwarz' Hollywood rallies are even more disturbing than his St. Louis and other schools. His Crusade had a three-hour rally before some twelve to fifteen thousand persons in the Hollywood Bowl and an estimated four million more watched the program over television on 33 stations in six states. Actors John Wayne, James Stewart, Pat O'Brien, and George Murphy were there, as were such top "movie-makers" as Jack Warner of Warner Brothers and Y. Frank Freeman of Para-

mount. The gross take at the rally (plus the week's Hollywood Anti-Communist School) was \$214,796. Even more significant was the presence of C. D. Jackson, a top executive of *Life Magazine*. In early September *Life* had run a disparaging story about Schwarz. The kickback at *Life* was sufficient to induce Jackson to fly to Los Angeles to appear in the Hollywood Bowl and offer a public apology. Jackson told the audience, "I believe we were wrong and I am profoundly sorry. It's a great privilege to be here tonight and align *Life Magazine* with Senator Dodd, Representative Judd, Dr. Schwarz, and the rest of these implacable fighters against communism." Only recently the Los Angeles rallies were re-telecast in New York City for three full evening hours with the Schick Safety Razor Company picking up the tab. (Richfield Oil and Technicolor Corp., as well as Schick, appear to be regularly available to Schwarz as television sponsors).

Take a look, too, at another one of these groups — Harding College and the National Education Program (both headed by Dr. George S. Benson). The propaganda operation, exclusive of the college, is budgeted at \$200,000 a year. They produced some 30 movies of which "Communism on the Map" is the most famous and has been seen by 10 million persons. Dr. Benson's weekly column has wide distribution and one version is sent in bulk lots to a thousand business organizations. He has a monthly newsletter with 50 thousand subscribers; he has outlets in a great many Farm Bureau monthly state papers (the effect of which was seen at the recent Farm Bureau Convention). He has a series of high school study outlines in "American Citizenship Education" sent free to schools requesting them.

The Life Line Radio Program, now on about 200 radio stations (some run him twice), is planning to branch out into television. Businessmen all over the Nation are sponsoring this program. H. L. Hunt, one of the richest oil men in the country and owner of Life Line, boasts that "the Free World cannot be saved unless it is saved at a profit."

All of these radical right organizations have the same general line. The danger to America is domestic Communism. While their particular traitor will vary from Harry Hopkins to George Marshall, from President Truman to President Eisenhower, from Senator Fullbright to some labor leader, there is no question that anybody even slightly to the left of Senator Goldwater is suspect. They traffic in fear. Treason in high places is their slogan and slander is their weapon. They undermine loyal Americans' confidence in each other and in their government.

Their appeal is for "total victory" (note that Goldwater is with them all the way on this) and they thrive on every defeat, retreat, concession, or even negotiation. Americans feel they are "losing" for the first time in history. Since Americans intuitively tend not to believe they ever lose fairly, the radical right's charges that we are "losing" (itself a dubious assumption) because of treason in high places falls on fertile soil. In Schwarz's Southern California meetings, as shown in the New York re-telecast a couple of weeks ago, Senator Dodd's and Representative Judd's heavy-handed foreign policy polemics received little applause, but when W. Cleon Skousen (author of "The Naked Communist") charged treason in high places, the place went up in a roar of applause.

The suggestion is being made in some quarters (e.g., Reston in the *Times* of November 19, 1961) that the radical right is primarily a "Republican problem" because it utilizes money that might otherwise be available to Re-

publican Party candidates. Former Vice President Nixon shares this view. Yet, on reflection, this would appear quite superficial. The growing strength of the radical right may indeed be an inconvenience to the Republican Party, but it is far worse than that for the Nation and the Democratic Party — for it threatens the President's program at home and abroad. By the use of the twin propaganda weapons of fear and slander, the radical right moves the national political spectrum away from the Administration's proposed liberal programs at home and abroad. By vicious local pressure campaigns against teachers or preachers or any one else who supports anything from negotiation in foreign affairs to governmental programs in domestic affairs, they frighten off support for much-needed Administration programs. Pressure tactics on already-timid Congressmen are reinforced with fanaticism and funds. The pressure campaign against the Katanga operation is only one example of what is ahead. Any hard-boiled, realistic appraisal of the situation evokes this conclusion: The growing strength, organization and financial resources of the radical right is not something that can be wished away or that can be confidently ignored as a Republican problem.

Action On The Problem

As the radical right cannot be wished away or ignored, likewise its demise is not something that can be readily accomplished. The struggle against the radical right is a long-term affair; total victory over the radical right is no more possible than total victory over the Communists. What are needed are deliberate Administration policies and programs to contain the radical right from further expansion and in the long run to reduce it to its historic role of the impotent lunatic fringe.*

As the radical right today feeds like a leech on the frustrations of the American people, so reducing these frustrations by accomplishments at home and abroad is the most important part of the long-range battle against the radical right. Indeed, in the long run, only democratic initiative in the world struggle against Communism will roll back the radical right to its traditional insignificance. But the Nation cannot look the other way and wait for this to happen. The radical right organizations threaten to render impossible the very steps (action and negotiation) that need to be taken by the Administration if our nation is to survive and succeed in the world struggle; they must never be permitted to become so strong as to obstruct action needed for democratic survival and success.

As we gird ourselves for a long struggle against world Communism, so we must gird ourselves for a long struggle against the radical right. But there are some steps which can and should be taken now to halt the growth of the radical right and possibly to turn the tide against it. There are other steps of a more long-range nature. Among the programs and policies of both types which the Administration might consider are the following:

1. The radical right inside the Armed Services presents an immediate and special problem requiring immediate and special measures.

*Private agencies can do much, too, to identify and expose the radical right. Indeed, in the long-run the extent of participation by private agencies in this struggle is more likely to determine its outcome than anything the Government can do. The press, television, church, labor, civic, political and other groups whose constitutional freedom is directly involved must carry the prime burden in this struggle. But the purpose of this memorandum is to consider possible Administration policies and programs rather than those of private groups. Furthermore, affirmative Administration policies and programs can set the backdrop against which private activity is most likely to succeed.

The problem of radical right influence inside the Armed Services is an immediate one and made all the more so by the up-coming hearings of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee. But even if there were no hearings, this challenge to the basic American concept of separating military personnel from partisan politics must be met now. Tolerance of such a challenge can only embolden those who do the challenging.

It has been widely reported that General Walker's radical right viewpoint is shared by a substantial number of his colleagues. One observer, Louis J. Halle, has reported that Walker's position "represents the publicly unexpressed but privately outspoken views of an important part of our American officer corps in all three services" (*New Republic*, November 20, 1961). Drew Pearson has twice reported without contradiction that a Lieutenant General has leaked secret information to Senator Thurmond in support of the Walker position. The "Americanism Seminars," espousing radical right doctrine and sponsored or co-sponsored by the Armed Services in various places, could only have been accomplished by radical right officer personnel within the armed forces; the spectacle of the U. S. Army sponsoring Skousen's reflection on the patriotism of Franklin Roosevelt and the loyalty of Harry Hopkins, could only have been achieved through the connivance of inside military personnel. Former top brass work with all the radical right groups. The recent experience in Algeria demonstrates that the soldiers of an army of a democratic nation may be tempted, out of frustration, to engage in anti-democratic operations; as reports from France make so abundantly clear, the radical right Generals and Admirals continue today to threaten the stability of France's democratic system.

What appears to support the position of widespread infiltration of the radical right into the Armed Services is the manner in which the Walker case was handled. Indeed, the shocking thing about the Walker case is not that his resignation was accepted in 1961, but that the Armed Services rejected his resignation in 1959 when he tried to resign because of "the fifth column conspiracy and influence in the United States" and the "conspiracy and its influences on the home front." Whether the resignation was rejected because Walker's superiors agreed with his views or simply were not shocked by them is not known; but in either event, the failure to accept his resignation constituted a dangerous tolerance of the radical right inside the Armed Services. Even worse was the action towards Walker in 1960 and early in 1961; the Army failed to act against Walker's obvious and illegal acts of "radical right politics" until public notice of Walker's offenses (brought about by a newspaper exposé) forced the Pentagon's hand. Again, it is not important why this happened; what is important is the degree of tolerance of the radical right inside the Armed Services.

It also appears to have been widespread pressure from rightwing Generals and Admirals in the Pentagon which brought about the recall to duty of General Van Fleet. It is common knowledge that General Van Fleet has himself been a member of the extreme right wing (Board member of "For America"; endorser of the Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies; Board of Advisors of H. L. Hunt's Life Line). Not only does the Pentagon pressure for the recall of General Van Fleet evidence radical right influence inside the military establishment, but it demonstrates the absolute unappeasability of this group. All that the recall has accomplished is to embarrass the Administration when Van Fleet irresponsibly attacked the Administration's Ambassador to the United Nations.

Once it is recognized that there is a serious problem of radical right infiltration of the military and that appeasement is not the answer, the indicated course of action becomes clear. The Administration must get off the defensive in the Walker case; it must shift the battleground from the defensive posture of justifying the "muzzling of Walker" to an offensive posture supporting the basic American concept of separation of military personnel from partisan politics. To shift the posture from defense to offense, consideration should be given to requesting Senator Russell to broaden the hearings to cover the problem of radical right infiltration of the Armed Services. As the *Washington Post* said on November 28th, the hearings "ought to be aimed not to determining whether General Walker and his imitators were improperly silenced by civilian authorities, but at determining how widely the infection they represent is spread in the armed services."

An alternative to getting Senator Russell to broaden the hearings would be for Secretary McNamara to start his own investigation of radical right Generals and Admirals. Those Generals and Admirals who have lost confidence in democracy and who feel that the danger to our country is treason at home rather than the strength of the international Communist movement abroad, should be warned against political activity in any way, shape or form. This might have the effect of causing the resignation of some of these Generals and Admirals which would certainly be in the national interest. At any rate, political activity after such warning would be grounds for dismissal from the service. Above all, the suggested investigation would give courage to the officers, old and young, who believe in democracy and in a non-political democratic Army.

Then, too, Secretary McNamara should try to take the offensive at the forthcoming hearings.* Secretary McNamara certainly has the right to be the first witness at the hearings. Instead of being on the defensive concerning his muzzling of Walker, he should take the offensive by telling how action against Walker was too long delayed and how there is a serious problem in the Armed Services concerning persons who no longer believe in democracy. If, as suggested in the previous paragraph, Secretary McNamara has by that time instituted his own investigation of radical right Generals and Admirals, he should give a report of his plans in this regard. Whether or not he has instituted an investigation, he should make clear that the Defense Department's policy rejects these extreme right-wing organizations and rejects the views of those who participate in them. He should have those of the real top brass who share his views get right up behind him at the hearing and back him up. He should get the full support of the President. In this way, the hearings could be turned against those who presently plan to use them to help the right wing embarrass Secretary McNamara.

The strong posture against radical right Generals and Admirals suggested in this memorandum would go far to answer Soviet propaganda that American foreign policy is not in responsible hands and that there is a substantial "preventive war" group in the Pentagon which may ultimately get the upper hand. This strong posture would not only reassure our own allies, but might give support to factions within the Soviet Union that strive for a more flexible position on the Soviet's part.

2. The radical right and the Attorney General's subversive list.

The attorney General's list of subversive organizations is lending aid and comfort to the radical right. Although

*Possibly the public release at this time of the Army's interrogation of General Walker would be helpful in this regard.

the radical right poses a far greater danger to the success of this country in its battle against international Communism than does the domestic Communist movement, the latter have been branded subversive by the Government and the former have not. No one loses his job or is subjected to public obloquy because he joins one of these radical right groups; yet these groups can use the subversive list to get at liberals and moderates who twenty years earlier had joined some Communist "front" organization which looked patriotic and socially desirable. The list today is almost like a Good Housekeeping seal for the radical right. Whatever one's views may be toward the list, as long as it exists it should not remain one-sided and be permitted to work in favor of the radical right.

Under existing regulations, the Attorney General can only put an organization on the Attorney General's list if he finds, after notice and hearing, that it meets the standards of the list — i.e., that the organization is "totalitarian, fascist, communist or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution . . . or as seeking to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means." Certain of the radical right organizations may well meet one or more of these criteria. For example, the Birch Society appears to advocate the denial of constitutional rights by force and openly seeks to substitute some other form of society for existing democratic forms; to it democracy is "merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perpetual fraud." Three of the best known radical right groups are predicated upon secrecy: the Birch Society keeps its members secret; Hargis, head of the Christian Crusade, has announced plans for a secret fraternity with Greek letters; and the Minutemen which conduct guerilla warfare maneuvers also keeps its members secret. Then, too, Birch operates on a monolithic or totalitarian system within the organization and other radical right groups may also so operate. These organizations have succeeded in promoting disaffection and, as in the case of General Walker, outright rebellion in the Army. There would thus appear to be adequate grounds for holding a hearing on one or more of these organizations to determine whether they should be listed. It might therefore be advisable for the Attorney General to announce at this time that he is going to investigate one or more of these organizations with a view to determining whether charges will be filed and hearings held on the questions of listing one or more of these organizations. The mere act of indicating that an investigation will be made will certainly bring home to many people something they have never considered — the subversive character of these organizations and their similarity to the listed groups on the left. To make this announcement before the hearings of the Armed Services Committee on the muzzling of General Walker might well be an additional way to take the offensive against Senator Thurmond and the radical right.

It is not known the extent to which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has planted undercover agents inside the radical right movement as it has inside the Communist Party and its allied organizations. If it has already done so, the information would be readily available upon which to draw up charges for a hearing against one or more of the radical right groups. If the Bureau has not as yet infiltrated these organizations, a longer time will of course be necessary to obtain the information for the charges, although much of the needed information is available through public sources. In any event, the announcement of the investigation would have an immediate salutary effect and the later announcement of the hearing or hearings might

have an even greater one. It is not unlikely that these groups will refuse information and otherwise act towards the Attorney General's procedures just exactly as the Communists have acted in the past. Nothing could better reveal to the public the true nature of these groups than defiant resistance to their government.

3. *The flow of big money to the radical right should be dammed to the extent possible.*

The growing power of radical right propagandists and groups is directly related to their expanding ability to secure large sums of money. As funds are a source of power to the radical right, action to dam up these funds may be the quickest way to turn the tide now running in their favor.

Benson's National Education Program, Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Hargis' Christian Crusade and William Volker Fund, Inc., are among the radical right groups which are reported to have federal tax exemptions. It would appear highly doubtful, to say the least, that any or all of these groups properly qualifies for a federal tax exemption. Prompt revocation in a few cases might scare off a substantial part of the big money now flowing into these tax exempt organizations.*

Then, too, corporate funds are used to put radical right views on the air for political rather than business reasons; propaganda is peddled far and wide under the guise of advertising. H. L. Hunt openly urges big business not to rely on contributions to finance the radical right but to use their advertising funds. The Internal Revenue Service sometime ago banned certain propaganda ads by electrical utilities as deductible expenses. Consideration might be given to the question whether the broadcast and rebroadcast of Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade rallies and similar rallies and propaganda of other groups is not in the same category.

A related question is that of free radio and television time for the radical right. Hargis' Christian Crusade has its messages reproduced by 70 radio stations across the country as public service features, and Mutual Broadcasting System apparently gave him a special rate for network broadcasts. In Washington, D. C., radio station WEAM currently offers the "Know Your Enemy" program at 8:25 p.m., six days a week as a public service; in program No. 97 of this series the commentator advised listeners that Gus Hall of the Communist Party had evoked a plan for staffing the Kennedy Administration with his followers and that the plan was being carried out with success. Certainly the Federal Communications Commission might consider examining into the extent of the practice of giving free time to the radical right and could take measures to encourage stations to assign comparable time for an opposing point of view on a free basis. Incidentally, in the area of commercial (not free) broadcasting, there is now pending before the FCC, Cincinnati Station WLW's conduct in selling time to Life Line but refusing to sell time for the UAW program, "Eye Opener."

In addition to possible misuse of federal tax exemptions and the misuse of corporate funds for propaganda advertising, it seems not unlikely that corporation funds are flowing into the radical right in other and covert ways. The President of Schick Razor Company, for example, has

*An additional suggestion in this regard might be considered. This would be the feasibility of including in the publicly available files of these tax-exempt organizations, their annual receipts and expenditures reports which can now be obtained only with great difficulty. Appropriately organized files available to the public would tend to create a little self-enforcement.

made it clear that "Dr. Schwarz will not lack for money while I'm around." And, finally, there is the big question whether Schwarz, Hargis, etc., are themselves complying with tax laws.

Adequate information on the financing of the radical right can only come from the inside of these organizations. As already indicated, it is not known whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation has undercover agents inside these organizations in the same manner and to the same degree as the Bureau has inside the Communist Party and other left-wing groups. Similarly, it is not known what the Treasury Department has done in the way of undercover operations to get at tax violations in the financing of these organizations. Likewise, it is not known whether the Federal Communications Commission has ever assembled information on the degree to which the radical right is getting free time without comparable expression of the opposing point of view. Certainly, there is sufficient public information indicating possible tax violations in this area and possible violations of FCC policies to justify the most complete check on these various means of financing the radical right.

4. *The Administration should take steps to end the Minutemen.*

Free speech is the essence of democracy, but armed bands are not the exercise of free speech. There is no warrant for permitting groups to organize into military cadres for the purpose of taking the law into their own hands.

It is not known whether the Minutemen will grow or whether they will fade out of the picture. They do, however, represent a dangerous precedent in our democracy. Consideration should be given to the question whether they are presently violating any federal laws and, if not, to the Federal Government calling a conference of States where the Minutemen exist to see what action could be taken under state laws. There is, of course, the additional possibility, as indicated earlier, that the Minutemen might fall within the terms of the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

5. *The domestic Communist problem should be put in proper perspective for the American people, thus exposing the basic fallacy of the radical right.*

The radical right feeds upon charges of treason, traitors and treachery. It has its roots in a very real sense in the belief of the American people that domestic Communism has succeeded in betraying America and threatens its very survival. Putting the domestic Communist problem in proper perspective would do much to expose the basic fallacy of the radical right.

The Administration has inherited an extremely difficult problem and posture in this area. Executive and legislative speech-writers have automatically maximized the domestic Communist menace ever since World War II. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover, although he made an admirable recent statement concerning the radical right, exaggerates the domestic Communist menace at every turn and this contributes to the public's frame of mind upon which the radical right feeds. Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, who continues in charge of internal security matters, has always maximized the domestic Communist menace. There is grave danger that the upcoming legal battle between the Department of Justice and the Communist Party over registration (particularly if there are additional indictments of individuals) will itself fan these same flames.

Each Administration since World War II has maximized the Communist problem. It will therefore be no easy task

for the Administration to turn the corner and take a different attitude. But action along this line is necessary to contain and in the long-run to roll back the radical right. Without minimizing the Communist Party strength or potential in the thirties and forties, it has no capacity today to endanger our national security or defeat our national policies. There is no need for a further effort to dramatize the domestic Communist issue; the need now is to rein in those who have created the unreasoned fear of the domestic Communist movement in the minds of the American people and slowly to develop a more rational attitude toward the strength of this movement. Without forbidding dissenting officials from expressing a contrary viewpoint (and thus evoking charges of muzzling Hoover, etc.), an effort to take a more realistic view of domestic Communism by the leaders of the Administration would probably cause most of the Administration officials to fall into line and even some legislators might be affected thereby. Fifteen years of overstating a problem cannot be reversed overnight, but thoughtful handling can reduce tensions and misconceptions in this area, too.

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It would be the easier course to look the other way and say that the radical right will disappear when we solve our problems at home and abroad. But the radical right may, if it is not contained, make it more difficult, if not impossible, to solve our problems at home and abroad.

Efforts to deal with radical right Generals and Admirals and Minutemen, investigation to determine whether to list radical right organizations, efforts to dam the illegal flow of money in their direction, efforts to set the domestic Communist problem in perspective — all will evoke immediate charges of softness on Communism. But this is not a problem that can be swept under the rug. The Administration can no more combat the radical right by being "tough on domestic Communism" or appeasing radical right Generals than the Republican Administration was able to fight McCarthyism by its own excesses in this area. It is very late in the day to start dealing with these problems, but it will never get earlier.

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Manchester, Iowa 52057

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Your letter of November 30th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the matters you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Time for Decision

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

4/17/62 Internal Security Statement

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-8-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DCM*

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RE: J. EDGAR HOOVER
SENT TO DIRECTOR BY REVEREND W. C. STANDRIDGE
HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI

Captioned Resolution (attached) from Reverend W. C. Standridge, Post Office Box 156, Horn Lake, Mississippi, as indicated, was passed unanimously by those attending the "Seminars" of Major Edgar C. Bundy in Memphis. The meeting was sponsored by Churches and Patriotic groups with Reverend W. C. Standridge, Pastor of the Whitehaven Bible Church, Horn Lake, Mississippi, as Chairman. There is no identifying information in Bufiles on the basis of available identifying data concerning Reverend Standridge.

Edgar C. Bundy is the General Chairman of the Church League of America and claims to have formerly been a Major in the Air Force Intelligence. He is also a former Baptist minister who lectures around the country on communism. Bundy is typical of the irresponsible, irrational, "professional" anticommunists who make a living out of touring the country and charging fees for their lectures. Bundy's book, "Collectivism in the Churches," is an emotional attack against the National Council of Churches of Christ. Bufiles reveal that Bundy has been the subject of an impersonation case; however, a violation was not established. Recently he has been selling U. S. Government documents at a price higher than they cost him. Per R. W. Smith to Mr. Sullivan memorandum dated 8-11-61, a letter from Bundy at that time was not acknowledged since it was full of obvious falseness and irrational diatribe regarding heavy communist infiltration in the clergy. With regard to an earlier letter to the Director dated 3-3-61, Mr. Tolson noted: "Nothing will be gained by writing Bundy." The Director noted: "I concur."

In 1954, Bundy deliberately tried to mislead the Bureau by attempting to get a Bureau speaker, the then Inspector C. D. DeLoach, to appear before a political meeting. The scheme was discovered in time to thwart it and the Chicago Office was instructed to be most circumspect in subsequent contacts with him. We have received frequent citizens inquiries concerning him.

Enclosure

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D. C. Morrell to Mr. DeLoach Memo
Re: Resolution Re: J. Edgar Hoover

OBSERVATION:

It is not believed, although this Resolution is favorable to the Director, that it should be acknowledged in view of the relationship to Major Edgar C. Bundy, who may use such acknowledgement in a form of capitalization.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached Resolution not be acknowledged.

DeLoach
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 3, 1964

The attached resolution was sent to
the Director from Rev. W. C.
Standridge, P. O. Box 156, Horn Lake,
Mississippi.

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RESOLUTION RE: J. EDGAR HOOVER

WHEREAS:

THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, HAS BEEN UNDER SEVERE ATTACK BY CERTAIN GROUPS INCLUDING MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS AS A RESULT OF HIS STATEMENT REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING; AND WHEREAS:-

WE ARE PERSUADED THAT MR. HOOVER'S REMARKS REGARDING MR. KING WERE TRUE AND LONG OVERDUE; AND WHEREAS:-

WE BELIEVE THAT MR. KING SHOULD BE REPUDIATED BY AMERICANS OF ALL RACES FOR HIS RADICAL VIEWS AND LEADERSHIP BEFORE OUR NATION IS PLUNGED INTO A BLOODY REVOLUTION. IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT MANY SO-CALLED CLERGYMEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY IN OUR COUNTRY WHILE THOUSANDS OF THEM ARE IDENTIFIED WITH FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. AMERICA NEEDS TO KNOW HER ENEMIES. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT WE AS CHRISTIANS AND PATRIOTS MEETING IN ELLIS AUDITORIUM, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28-29, 1964, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, HEARTILY COMMEND OUR HIGHLY ESTEEMED DIRECTOR OF THE "F.B.I." FOR HIS COURAGE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENTS MADE RECENTLY AT A LADIES' PRESS CONFERENCE, AS REPORTED IN THE NEWS. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;

THAT WE ASSURE MR. HOOVER THAT WE FULLY AGREE WITH HIS STATEMENTS AND URGE HIM TO STAND FAST AGAINST ALL PRESSURE AND TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ALL THE FACTS.

The above resolution was passed unanimously by those attending the "Seminars" of Major Edgar C. Bundy in Memphis. The meeting was sponsored by Churches and Patriotic groups with Rev. W. C. Standridge, Pastor of Whitehaven Bible Church, P. O. Box 156, Horn Lake, Miss. as Chairman.

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December 4, 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Department Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Some of us are getting awfully fed up with the attacks being made on your person and that of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by people like Fred J. Cook, as seen in his latest book and the reprint of a portion of his book appearing in "TRUE" magazine for December 1964.

In case you have not seen the documentation we did on Fred J. Cook in relation to a previous incident which occurred in July of 1964, I am enclosing a copy of this special report which went to every radio station in the country and to the major news services, in addition to the mailing list of the Church League of America.

I hope that you will understand that the Church League of America has held you and the organization which you have built up so wonderfully over these many years in the highest esteem, and has defended the Bureau and its Director before public audiences and over radio and television.

We hope that you will stay on as Director of the F.B.I. as long as you find it possible. All true Americans owe you a great debt of gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

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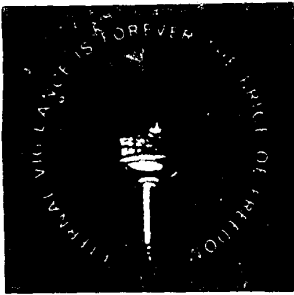
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NATIONAL LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

December 4, 1964

The Publisher
True Magazine
67 West 44th Street
New York, New York 10036

Dear Sir:

I cannot believe that you have the full background on Fred J. Cook whom you designate as 'Prize-winning reporter Fred Cook' on page 36 of your December 1964 issue of TRUE magazine where you begin this story of his attack on the F.B.I.

I am enclosing a special report which we did on Mr. Fred J. Cook in relation to other material of his which was used by Mr. Samuel Brightman, Deputy Director of Public Information for the Democratic National Committee earlier this year.

We believe that TRUE magazine would like to present the "true" picture on Mr. Cook's background to its readers so that they can properly evaluate his attack on J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I.

We also are enclosing for you a copy of Mr. Hoover's Testimony before the U. S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee in which he discusses the story of Jack Levine whom Mr. Cook chooses as his prime source of information about the F.B.I. This information begins on page 493 of Mr. Hoover's testimony on the 1964 Appropriations Bill and continues through 503.

This gives a very enlightening picture on Mr. Levine, why he was dropped by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and how he sought to get back in the Bureau even after he had attacked it.

Don't you think it would be fair to your readers to print both sides of the story?

Sincerely yours,

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Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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Fred J. Cook

Arguments of Alger Hiss Apologist Used by Democratic National Committee To Pressure Anti-Communists Off Air

Major Public Relations Blunder In a National Election Year

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

SAMUEL C. BRIGHTMAN
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a reprint of an article appearing recently in The Nation.

I thought it would be of interest to you since it is my understanding that your station is one of those carrying the programs it describes.

All of these programs have repeatedly attacked the candidates, programs and policies of the Democratic Party.

In view of the coming political campaign I thought you should be aware both of the content of these programs and the claims for time to which these attacks can make you liable.

Sincerely yours,

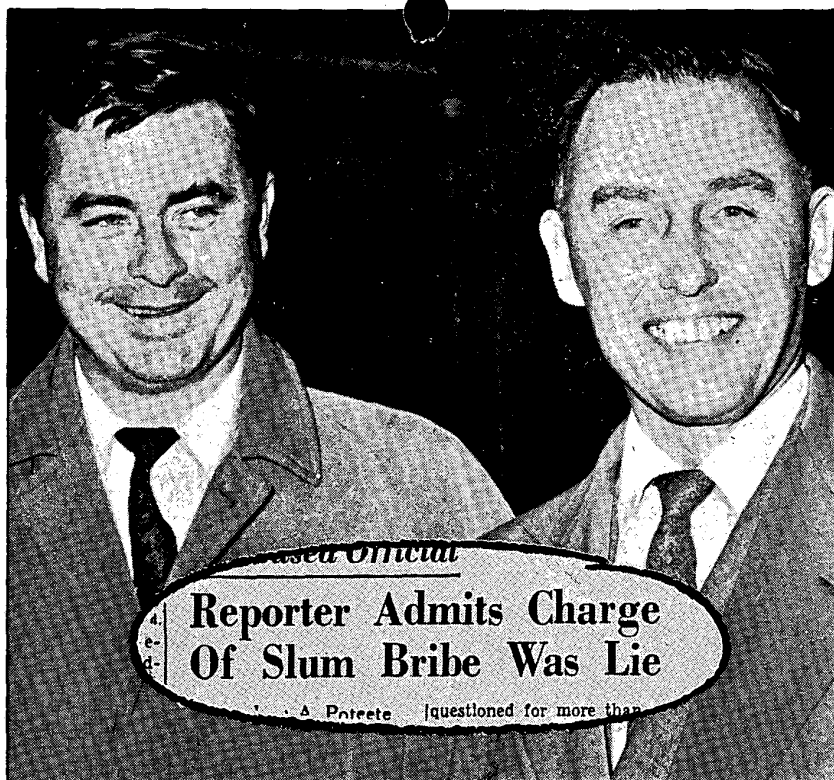
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Samuel C. Brightman

A few days ago, during the last week of June, radio and television stations across the country received a strange communication from the Democratic National Committee. The letter, reproduced in this issue of News & Views, carried the threat that unless certain broadcasts critical of "candidates, programs and policies of the Democratic Party" were taken off the air, there would be "claims for time to which these attacks can make you liable."

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Gleason and Cook: "The fat was in the fire"

Associated Press

Retreat of the Crusaders

The accusation by New York City's best-known team of crusading reporters blew up the biggest journalistic storm of the year.

It broke in the midst of a television talkfest—producer David Susskind's weekly "Open End" on WNTA-TV. In routine fashion, the TV panel was discussing "The Shame of New York," a recent 70,000-word exposé written for the weekly magazine *The Nation* by reporters Fred J. Cook and Eugene Gleason of *The New York World-Telegram and Sun*. Then suddenly, Cook made a startling allegation: When he and Gleason had been digging into the city's slum-clearance housing muddle for a *World-Telegram and Sun* series in 1956, a "high city official" had tried to bribe them to "get wise."

The bribe offer had been made to Gleason, who told him about it, Cook said. According to Cook, Gleason quoted the city official as saying: "What do you want? Seventy-five bucks a week, a hundred bucks a week? We can arrange it. We can put your wives on the payroll and you won't have to

do anything for it, just stop looking."

Who was this high city official? Cook refused to say. But, panelist Gleason, who had agreed with Cook to have the bribe question brought up on the air, added that the official was still active in the city administration.

And with that, as Gleason put it later, "the fat was in the fire." The background of the two newsmen gave weight to their charges. Both mild-mannered, 48-year-old Fred Cook ("the writing half of the team") and burly 32-year-old Gene Gleason (the "reporting half") had won New York Newspaper Guild awards for their work. Cook was a veteran crime reporter, with fifteen years on *The World-Telegram*. And Gleason, though with the paper only four years, had earned a reputation as a hard-nosed investigator, once praised by his editors as "tough physically . . . and mentally. No one awes him."

Retraction: But the next day, when the two newsmen were questioned by District Attorney Frank Hogan, Gleason retracted the whole story. He had made up the bribe offer, Gleason was quoted as having said, "because I was exuberant and carried away." In a six-page statement (he left without signing it), Gleason took full blame, explaining that Cook had only repeated what he had been told.

The *World-Telegram and Sun* promptly fired both reporters—Cook because he had "not told the city desk" about the alleged bribe offer. He insisted that he

had reported the offer to city editor Norton Mockridge, at a lunch, "a few weeks afterward." But Mockridge said Cook had told him only about "pressures . . . in the form of job offers and favors proffered by one or more press agents who were close to City Hall." Mockridge added: "He didn't say anything about a bribe offer. He was just talking about little advances made by press agents. We laughed about it."

Wake: But there was no laughter last week in *The World-Telegram* city room. "It was like a wake up there," a reporter said in describing the morning after Gleason's confession.

Fred Cook stood by the charges of corruption he and Gleason had made in their *Nation* article on "The Shame of New York." "But," he said, "you know people, and how they think. Now they're going to say, 'And how can we believe these two fellows?'"

Cook—a sympathetic figure to many of his colleagues—seemed bewildered by all that had happened. Why had Gleason, if the bribery charge was false, allowed Cook to bring it up on TV? "I've asked Gene several times," Cook said. "But somehow it's impossible for him to explain."

David Susskind was also puzzled. "I can't think how two grown, mature men would do this, would destroy themselves, without some pressure being exerted," Susskind said. "It seems there's a missing link somewhere."

The letter, dated June 22, was signed by one Samuel C. Brightman, identified as Deputy Chairman for Public Affairs of the Democratic National Committee, and it was accompanied by a reprint of an article that had appeared in *The Nation* for May 25, 1964. Mr. Brightman rested his case on the article.

All of which may well constitute one of the outstanding blunders in Democratic Party public relations in recent years. This was not so much because the communication demonstrated the blatant way in which political pressure is sometimes used to stifle criticism of politicians. Communications media are by now well aware of "managed news." Mr. Brightman made his mistake in raising once again the spectre of Alger Hiss. Quite possibly he was unaware of it but his ill-advised threat to the broadcasting stations was based on points raised by one of Alger Hiss's best known and most vociferous apologists, Fred J. Cook. Cook has promoted many other projects dear to the hearts of communists and the lunatic left general but he is probably most notorious for his efforts to prove that Alger Hiss was framed by the FBI.

It may safely be assumed that, with a national election at hand, Democratic leaders would prefer to let the public forget the way in which many prominent members of the New Deal-Fair Deal stood shoulder to shoulder behind Alger Hiss, backs unturned, decrying investigations of the State Department's boy wonder as "a red herring." However, by aligning itself with Fred Cook, the Democratic National Committee has opened the way for a revival of the Hiss Case as a subject for political discussion in 1964.

The Nation article circulated by Mr. Brightman, entitled "Hate Clubs of the Air," will be considered in some detail further on in this newsletter. However, to provide a better understanding of its significance, some preliminary discussion of the author and his contributions to *The Nation* and other publications is necessary.

WHO IS COOK?

When *The Nation* in 1962 published another commie-serving article entitled "The Ultras," an effort that subsequently earned the plaudits of *The World Marxist Review*, it proudly ran this brief biography of the author in its June 23, 1962 issue:

"Fred J. Cook, born in Point Pleasant, N. J., in 1911, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Rutgers University in 1932. After working on various New Jersey newspapers, he went to *The New York World-Telegram* in 1944. In 1959 he resigned to devote himself exclusively to writing. Mr. Cook's first 'special' for *The Nation* was 'Hiss' (1957); there followed 'The FBI' (1958); 'The Shame of New York' (1959), 'Gambling, Inc.' (1960), 'The CIA' (1961) and 'Juggernaut' (1961). Three of these articles won Page One Awards from the New York Newspaper Guild; a fourth won a Sidney Hillman Foundation Prize. Mr. Cook has had ten books published and is now expanding 'Juggernaut' into a book to be published by Macmillan under the title 'The Warfare State'-Editors."

Since *The Nation* is frequently careless of the truth, an important correction and some minor explanations are in order at this point. One may well wonder why anyone should resign from an eminently respectable newspaper like *The New York World-Telegram and Sun* to take up with a publication such as *The Nation*. The fact of the matter is that Cook did not resign as *The Nation* would have its readers believe. He was fired, in a very public and humiliating way, as will be explained later. As for the awards, considering the political complexion of both donors, this can be explained with the colloquialism, "it figures."

THE NATION

This ultra-liberal magazine, which claims to have been founded in 1865, has been noted as a leftist organ since the turn of the century. In that period it has had as editors Oswald Garrison Villard, Freda Kirchway and, since 1955, Garey McWilliams.

Never cited by a competent government agency as communist or subversive, it has championed many communist causes over many years.

One aspect of this is set forth in Eugene Lyons' "Red Decade," in which he discusses various "liberal" shenanigans in the 1930's:

"The American liberal aberration had its house organ, the *New Republic*, which led all the rest in avid and indiscriminating acceptance of the myth of Stalin's Utopia. *The Nation* contended for the honors but never could master so much brilliant misinformation. The dullish and platitudinous stuff of its Louis Fischers, Maxwell Stewards and Freda Kirchweys was not quite a match for the *New Republic's* Bruce Blivens, George Soules, Malcolm Cowleys and outside talent. Both journals in these years ran over with superlatives on the Russian theme—even the letter columns hummed with hymns."

The present editor, Carey McWilliams, went to work for the publication in 1945 and became editor ten years later. His books include such titles as "Ill Fares the Land," "Brothers Under the Skin," "Prejudice," "A Mask for Privilege," "Anti-Semitism in America," "California: The Great Exception," "Witchhunt: The Revival of Heresy."

Since 1935 and through 1958, Carey McWilliams has been affiliated with more than 75 different communist enterprises, scores of which have been cited as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States or by other governmental agencies. In many of these his role was in some sort of leadership capacity.

Mr. McWilliams denies that he is a communist although he has been so identified by three witnesses in testimony under oath before congressional committees.

In 1958 a Federal court jury in New York found R. Lawrence Siegel, General Counsel of *The Nation*, and his associate counsel, Hadassah R. Shapiro, guilty of perjury and obstruction of justice. The two *Nation* lawyers were found guilty of having destroyed memoranda of meetings between Siegel and Harvey Matusow, a turncoat witness in communist trials and Congressional hearings. They were also found guilty of having fabricated data and swearing before a grand jury that the material was authentic.

As *The Nation* says, Cook's first big job for that publication was in behalf of the convicted perjurer who did so much harm to this nation's security. But this was a continuing effort. He wrote two other *Nation* articles in defense of Hiss, plus a book which was an expanded version of the first Hiss article in that magazine. This was based on a weird argument which attempted to show that Hiss had been framed by a corrupt and vindictive FBI which even resorted to forgery by type-writer to railroad the ex-diplomat to jail.

The original article along this line, titled "Hiss: New Perspectives for One of the Strangest Cases of Our Time," appeared in *The Nation* for September 21, 1957. It received "the full treatment, with the entire issue devoted to it. The Cook book which elaborated on this theme was published by William Morrow & Co. the following year under the title **THE UNFINISHED STORY OF ALGER HISS.**

Cook again came to the defense of Hiss, in another *Nation* article, when he contributed "Nixon Kicks a Hole in the Hiss Case," which appeared April 7, 1962. He followed this up soon afterwards with "Haunting the Hiss Case" which was published in the May 12, 1962 issue.

VERSATILITY PLUS

However, this does not mean that Fred J. Cook writes only about Alger Hiss. His repertoire covers an almost incredible range of subjects. He has written about hypnosis, Walter Reuther, hatemongers, Sacco-Vanzetti, lobbyists, marijuana, J. Edgar Hoover, iniquitous right-wingers, P. T. Barnum, James Hoffa, smog, injustice, our corrupt society, traffic problems, gambling, fish, Remington, the Mafia, militarist plotters, Sing Sing, the CIA, Theodore Roosevelt, slave ships, insurance costs, labor, highway deaths, the FBI, community, juvenile delinquency—almost everything.

This fantastic outpouring of Cook verbiage started only eight years ago, appropriately enough with an article in *The Nation*, a minor effort called "The Riesel Mystery," and it was followed by a piece in *American Heritage*, dealing with a hero of the (U.S.) Revolution. That same year Cook also turned up as co-author of a book on juvenile delinquency.

While these credits do not indicate the kind of mass production that has since marked his work, it must be remembered that he was somewhat cramped then because he was trying to hold down a full-time job on *The New York World-Telegram and Sun*. However, that hurdle was removed when he was fired from the paper in 1959. He had appeared on a television show, "Open End,"

and had charged that high city officials had attempted to bribe him to "lay off" an exposé of slum clearance irregularities.

Called on by District Attorney Frank Hogan to substantiate his charges, Cook admitted that they were false. While *The New York World-Telegram and Sun* did not like this kind of ethics and turned him loose, it did him no harm at *The Nation* which has its own peculiar standards.

CHEERS FOR SMEARS

In October 18, 1958, *The Nation's* smear of the FBI, perpetrated by Cook, aroused considerable enthusiasm from the lunatic fringe. *The National Guardian*, another organ pandering to this element, and one which has never been accused of deviationist tendencies, published an editorial lauding *The Nation's* enterprise. Following such leads, certain "liberal" writers and commentators took the opportunity to discuss Cook's charges seriously, thus giving the FBI smear further circulation in legitimate media outside the usual pro-communist circle.

Another article typical of the Cook approach was that dealing with the Central Intelligence Agency. Although the CIA has certain shortcomings it does get under the skin of the Kremlin, and it is anathema to all right-thinking "liberals." *The Nation* therefore saw fit to devote an entire issue, that of June 24, 1961, to the subject.

PRIME OBJECTIVE—THE U.S. MILITARY

It will be recalled that 1961 produced a surprising succession of events concerning our military establishment. Rumors started circulating that military leaders were being muzzled and strict censorship was being imposed on their statements and speeches. Any reference to victory over communism was being blue-pencilled, as was any mention of the Soviet Union or communism as the enemy.

This was dramatized when Admiral Arleigh A. Burke suddenly resigned after 42 years of service, and it was rumored that the outspoken admiral was unhappy over the way civilian censors had persisted in slashing his speeches. Then other surprising things happened, things that the American people found puzzling, even incomprehensible.

The film "Operation Abolition" was suddenly dropped from troop training programs. This was the motion picture, detested by the radical left, which showed how commie-instigated student riots had disrupted meetings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities at San Francisco. Another movie that was heartily disliked by this same element, "Communism on the Map," was also banned.

At about this time a queer publication being peddled to GI's abroad in PX's, called *The Overseas Weekly*, started crusading. This was surprising because up to that point its content had been mainly lurid sex illustrations. Indeed, so notorious was the sheet as a sex magazine that it was commonly referred to as *The Oversexed Weekly*. Suddenly, however, it concerned itself with a matter of social significance and started hammering at the upper echelon of our military. Primary target was Gen. Edwin A. Walker, who had instituted a training course for GI's to teach them something about communism. This, screamed *Overseas Weekly*, was nothing but "Birchism." The April 16, 1961 issue of the paper featured this nonsense in large banner headlines: "Military Channels Used to Push Birch Ideas."

Almost immediately, General Walker was relieved of his command.

While the American public was trying to figure out what was going on, a surprising document came to light. Written by Senator J. William Fulbright (D. Ark.), this policy directive had been slipped to Defense Secretary Robert J. McNamara, and, implemented in the Pentagon, it had the effect of muzzling the military. Later, in the Senate, much was made of the fact that the "Fulbright Memo," as it came to be known, represented a flagrant breach of that body's rules. Other Senators made it plain to the liberal Arkansas solon that the conduct of the military was none of his business or of his Foreign Relations Committee.

At this juncture *The Worker* got into the act. Obviously anxious to help put U.S. military leaders in their place so that Khrushchev and his fellow-liberals in this country could get on with

peaceful coexistence, this official communist newspaper also started crusading. Its theme was that the military and big business had formed an unholy alliance whose aim, apart from capitalist profits, was "to overthrow Socialist governments."

Not to be outdone when the way was made clear, *The Nation* got busy. An entire issue, that of October 28, 1961, was given over to the same subject under the title "Juggernaut: The Warfare State." In case you haven't guessed it, this assignment was farmed out to industrious Fred Cook. His thesis, predictably, was that our Junkers-type military leaders were plotting to provoke a war with the peace-loving peoples of the earth. This war would then give these brutes the opportunity to take over the United States and impose a fascist-type dictatorship here. Macmillan subsequently saw fit to embalm all this in hard covers under the title *THE WARFARE STATE*, issued in 1962.

HYSTERIA ON THE LEFT

A few months later, Cook came up with another of his "specials" for *The Nation*. This *Nation*-stuffer, another exercise in verbosity, carried the title "The Ultras," and the subtitle "Aims, Affiliations and Finances of the Radical Right." Here many thousands of words of turgid prose were poured forth in an attempt to prove that sinister right-wing opinion-makers, backed by sinister capitalists, were force-feeding the American people a lot of sinister, non-progressive ideas.

To give you a sampling of Cook's handling of a "fact," the following gem appears on page 580: "Of one thing, it seems, you may be certain: almost any time you flick on your television set during the fall and winter of 1962-63, you can be sure of getting a hefty dose of rabid anti-communism. You're almost certain to be entertained by pure white Americans of impeccable antecedents chasing and defeating the Communist devils..."

This kind of statement is likely to prove puzzling to most Americans, whose TV sets apparently were unable to tune in all those programs that were "spewing" (a favorite Cookism) hefty doses of anti-communism all over the airwaves. Certainly all those "liberal" commentators were genteel enough in their discussions of communism, and most assuredly those ADA-oriented politicians said nothing that would annoy the men of the Kremlin. Possibly what Cook had in mind were all those old war movies showing Nazi atrocities, with Cook mistaking Hitler's storm troopers and gestapo agents for their communist counterparts today.

Be that as it may, "The Ultras" was well received on the part of the lunatic left. Indeed, *The World Marxist Review* considered it such a masterpiece that it gave the piece a two-page review. Included in its accolade was the following: "Mr. Fred J. Cook has performed a valuable service by weaving into one special issue the spider-like web of the Ultra-Right which has penetrated almost every crevice of U.S. political life."

The writer of that piece of prose got a bit fouled up in his rhetoric, but this may have been something he picked up from reading "The Ultras." Unfortunately he neglected to say specifically for whom Mr. Fred J. Cook had performed "a valuable service," but since *The World Marxist Review* bills itself as "The Theoretical and Information Journal of Communist and Workers' Parties" it may be safely assumed that the beneficiaries are not the people of these United States.

KUDOS FROM THE KREMLIN

However, it took an article entitled "The Corrupt Society" to hit the Kremlin jackpot. So well regarded by the communist leaders was this *Nation*-Cook portrayal of the rottenness of American life that *New Times* devoted more than two pages to a review of it. This is recognition indeed, for this Moscow-published Communist Party organ is important in setting the party line.

This is what *New Times* got out of Fred Cook's essay on the crookedness and corruption that Cook found in American life:

"In the world of so-called 'free enterprise' it is jungle law that reigns. There is only one freedom there, the freedom to get rich at any price, by any means, the freedom of the moneybags to trample the laws of their own country.

"A fish begins to rot at its head..."

Having thus served his country, Cook busied himself with various writing chores. *New York Times Magazine* readers were treated to his ideas on water, murk, smoke, smog and taxpayers, and

for *The Nation* he obliged with the lowdown on Hoffa and lobbyists. However, he failed to pull any more brass rings, like the accolades from *New Times* and *The World Marxist Review*, until the Democratic National Committee saw fit to promote his article "Hate Clubs of the Air." Curiously, this latest effusion by Cook is essentially the same stuff that he wrote about in "The Ultras," which won the plaudits of *The World Marxist Review*. Once again Cook was Right-baiting, but this time it was Brightman that took the bait. For the fact is that *The Nation* and Fred Cook have put Mr. Brightman and the Democratic Party squarely behind them in their efforts to force off the air all anti-communists.

BILL OF GOODS

How was it possible to sell this bill of goods? On the face of it, "Hate Clubs of the Air" was only a minor exercise. Even *The Nation* saw fit to give it only four pages, and that in an issue that was duller than usual, if such a thing is possible.

The only theory that may explain what happened is that someone was able to work out a variation of the old communist swindle known as "the amalgam." Here's how this dodge works in simplest form. John Doe, an honest and sincere American, is seriously disturbed by the actions and utterances of a group in his community. He writes a letter to the local newspaper criticizing the things that are going on, though he refrains from calling the group communistic. His charges are never answered but soon the newspaper starts getting letters about John Doe. They charge him with being ignorant, stupid and probably crazy. Further, he is described as anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-Negro and a fascist. There may even be threats that the paper will be sued if it publishes another letter from him. No more letters from poor John Doe are set in type.

The Democratic National Committee may have been made a party to a gigantic amalgam maneuver, probably without realizing it had been taken.

"HATE CLUBS OF THE AIR"

What was in this *Nation* article that caused the Democratic National Committee to go to bat for it? At the outset Cook, an inveterate viewer with alarm, breathlessly informs his readers that "right wing fanatics" are engaged in a "blitz." They are "spewing out" thousands of broadcasts every week and these broadcasts are "casting doubt on every President since Herbert Hoover."

Having worked up the more emotional readers of *The Nation* to a point where they are in a mood to cast out radical right devils, Cook gives them another charge.

"It looks as if this nation were seized with a virulent pox," he informs his readers, now prepared for the worst. What brought on this epidemic? Old Doc Cook provides the answer, right straight from the test tube. The source of the infection is "the enormous concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few egocentric reactionaries like H. L. Hunt and J. Howard Pew."

Possibly because the enormity of what he is imparting is too much for him, Cook becomes a bit incoherent at this point. He provides no details of his charge, to explain how all the Hunt-Pew millions are made to spew hate out of millions of loudspeakers, but the picture is clear enough to any follower of *The Nation*. They know that that isn't oil that is being pumped north from Texas. Those pipelines are stuffed full of money, and it's being emptied into the pockets of a lot of unworthy people who don't believe in the same aims and ideals that Fred Cook and his pals on *The Nation* hold dear.

Indeed, there can be no argument on that score. People who are associated with what Cook and his fellow-thinkers call "hate clubs" do have different values. Not one has ever been lauded by Moscow's *New Times*, by *The World Marxist Review* or even the lower-case organ of the screwball left, *National Guardian*. But then none of these people attempt to portray America as communists like to visualize it, corrupt and rotten, and ready to fall into their eager hands. That takes a Fred J. Cook.

Cook's particular targets in "Hate Clubs of the Air," are Twentieth Century Reformation Hour, Howard Kershner's Commentary on the News, Dan Smoot Reports, Manion Forum, America's Future, Christian Crusade, Independent American, and Church League of America.

"The tie that binds," Cook darkly hints, "seems to be that of the John Birch Society." Not is. Cook doesn't like to pin things down too tightly. *Seem to be* is a convenient weasel phrase that gives him an easy loophole, in case anyone should ask for proof. However, a phrase like that is good enough for anyone with the mentality of a leftist-intellectual. Such astute types get the picture without trouble, and can actually see rich old John Birch in there with rich old H. L. Hunt, J. Howard Pew and a lot of other Texans wearing silk hats and spurs as they shovel money to hate-mongers so they can keep on spewing.

Midway through his essay, following some familiar clichés about Birchites, Cook makes an abrupt switch to the assassination of President Kennedy. Since this is highly educational in showing Fred Cook's delicacy and restraint in certain areas, study the following closely:

"Immediately after the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, there was a temporary revulsion in America against the doctrines of hate. National leaders, the clergy and spokesmen for sanity in many walks of life emphasized that when fanatics tear down the image of the Presidency and foment doubts about the loyalty of the nation's most exalted public figure, they create a climate of hate and unreason in which the unstable inevitably are incited to violence. This was so well understood that Thomas G. Aaron resigned as chairman of the Kentucky Young Americans for Freedom, saying: 'I am now satisfied that the climate of political degeneracy and moral hysteria masquerading as "true Americanism" bears substantial culpability for the murder of the President of the United States.' "

Please don't get the idea that Cook put it *that way*, instead of saying that a communist named Lee Harvey Oswald murdered the President, because that might have offended a lot of *Nation* readers. Obviously his reluctance to do so was because he feared that such a reference would only serve to arouse more hatred, and how can you have peace and disarmament if you don't trust the communists implicitly?

The real culprits, the ones who are deserving of the concentrated hatred of all right-thinking people, are pinpointed in the next paragraph. Cook carries on:

"Ironically, in the weeks immediately preceding his assassination, one of President Kennedy's principal concerns had been this wholesale spawning of hate. The columnist Marquis Childs reported on October 10, 1963, that the President, in talking with an old and trusted friend, had 'unburdened himself with considerable bitterness on the subject of top-bracket taxpayers and the tax-exemption they use to spread propaganda of the extreme Right.'

"But not even the tragedy of Dallas could move or deter the merchants of hate. . . ."

One can only gather from this sorrowful portrayal that Lee Harvey Oswald spent all his time listening to such people as Dean Manion, Rev. McIntire and Dan Smoot. After getting thoroughly spewed he decided to invest in a mail-order rifle. If that is the story we trust that Cook has given all the particulars to the Warren Commission where such information would assuredly get a sympathetic reception.

After showing how right-wingers whipped up, or spewed, enough hate to make them responsible for the President's assassination, Cook sets forth a veritable hash of all the things that all the so-called "hate clubs" oppose. Readers, particularly readers with a *Nation* mentality, may be forgiven if they get the impression that each person listed is opposed to everything that all of them collectively dislike.

Using this same kind of writing gimmick, one could compile an interesting list made of the things disliked by such diverse left-wingers as Gus Hall, Carey McWilliams, Jessica Mitford, Dr. Willard Uphaus, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Harry Bridges. A composite list of their dislikes would probably be far more interesting than that placed in evidence by Fred C. Cook.

Cook concludes "Hate Clubs of the Air" with a peroration that it's high time somebody did something about the hateful right-wingers, and he suggests that the job ought to be turned over to the Internal Revenue Service. That is a good gambit if you want to put the utmost pressure on someone or something you don't like, but meanwhile Cook has the Democratic National Committee pulling his chestnuts out of the fire. (And don't think for one moment—licensing procedure being what it is—that a letter like that of Brightman's is likely to be thrown in many wastebaskets with appropriate comments about people who aren't aware of freedom of speech.)

If this united front of *The Nation* and the Democratic National Committee can pressure off the air the few conservative voices that may still be heard, Cook should get not just a few more pages in *New Times* but a Lenin Peace Prize. He will have earned it fairly.

However, let it be understood, Fred J. Cook apparently is no communist. Indeed, there is no record that he has ever been identified with any communist front. Which is strange indeed when one considers his repeated performances in behalf of projects of the greatest strategic importance to international communism. Cook is the prototype of the people Georgi Dimitrov had in mind when he said:

"A university professor, who without being a party member lends himself to the interests of the Soviet Union, is worth more than a hundred men with party cards. A writer of reputation, or a retired general, are worth more than 500 poor devils who don't know any better than to get themselves beaten up by the police. Every man has his merit. The writer who, without being a party member, defends the Soviet Union, the union leader who is outside our ranks but defends Soviet international policy, is worth more than a thousand party members."

THE INFLUENTIALS

The truth of this is apparent from what has been said here about various articles written by Cook. This is not because *The Nation* has a large circulation; indeed, its circle of readers is rather small. But, like the Communist Party in this country, it has a greater influence than its numbers would indicate.

It should be pointed out at this point that *The Nation*, like Fred Cook, has never been cited as communist. However, as the Tenth Report (1959) of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee (page 186) said:

"There is little need for the Communist Party to finance propaganda publications when a magazine like *The Nation*, or one published in California like *Frontier*, will attack the FBI, support the communist fronts, editorialize sympathetically in behalf of witnesses that appear before legislative committees, and generally parrot the party line for nothing."

Such a publication earns, and gets, the loyal support of the ultra-left. Members of this lunatic fringe who hold forth on the nation's campuses do considerable volunteer missionary work in behalf of *The Nation*, by quoting it and referring to it as though it were a veritable well of wisdom. Left-wing clergymen, using it to back up their own opinions, leave the impression that it is a highly reputable publication. This sort of plugging over the years has given *The Nation* a reputation for soundness and objectivity that is hard to find in much of the stuff that it publishes.

Unfortunately for Americans generally, the Cook articles benefit from this type of promotion. In many classrooms and parish halls, Cook's diatribes against agencies and individuals who are trying to fight the communist menace are discussed sympathetically and sometimes accepted as correct by those who are not familiar with the facts.

His leftist ideas get further exposure when, as has been mentioned earlier, "liberal" columnists, book reviewers, radio-TV commentators, editorial writers and others pick up one of Cook's theses and elaborate and improvise on it to suit themselves.

An excellent example of this can be found in the magazine *Science*, for November 16, 1962. Under "News and Comments" there is a lengthy discussion of Cook's book *THE WARFARE STATE* which had been developed from the *Nation* article "Juggernaut." It shows in graphic detail how the propaganda contained in the book was spread in ever-widening circles:

"This is the sort of stuff," said the writer, "that might easily be expected to arouse skepticism, but the reviews—outside of military, quasi-military, and right-wing journals—have generally ranged from courteous to enthusiastic. *The New York Times* said, for example, that Cook 'was perhaps a bit too shrill' and had failed to prove that the military-industrial process exercised any illicit power in government, but the reviewer, who covers the Defense Department for the *Times*, was by no means harsh. In the *Saturday Review*, former Congressman Charles O. Potter warmly embraced Cook's thesis, describing it as 'timely and fully documented.' He added that 'it indicts a number of our leading citizens, principally military and industrial leaders, on charges of selfishly

and recklessly changing our nation from a peace-loving democracy into a state bent on a holy war to extend the capitalist system.”

Note how the leftward-leaning ex-Congressman Potter used the opportunity to make the point to a different audience (*Saturday Review* readers) that our leaders are “bent on a holy war.”

So it goes.

COOK AND THE COMMISSARS

However, if Cook's outpourings are popular with the far-out leftists in America they are even more highly regarded by the propaganda commissars in the peace-loving countries behind the Iron Curtain. The reason is obvious, Cook and the commissars see eye to eye on so many things.

They agree that it would be better for all concerned if the FBI and the CIA closed shop and stopped their meddling. They are in accord in their belief that Comrade Hiss got a dirty deal. They are in harmony in thinking that U.S. military leaders should be made to realize that it is wicked to consider the possibility of war, particularly with peace-loving communists who just want to coexist. They are in agreement that Americans by and large are corrupt and decadent, and the American system is utterly heartless and cruel.

Since the communists always think well of thinking that closely matches their own, they look upon Cook with something akin to admiration. Official communist publications speak well of his handiwork and on occasion they have even circulated his words of wisdom to the great Russian people.

Georgi Dimitrov advised the Lenin School of Political Warfare how to make use of innocents and dupes in these words:

“As Soviet power grows there will be a greater aversion to Communist parties everywhere. So we must practice the techniques of withdrawal. Never appear in the foreground; let our friends do the work. We must always remember that one sympathizer is generally worth more than a dozen militant Communists. A university professor, who without being a party member lends himself to the interests of the Soviet Union, is worth more than a hundred men with party cards. A writer of reputation, or a retired general, are worth more than 500 poor devils who don't know any better than to get themselves beaten up by the police. Every man has his value, his merit. The writer who, without being a party member, defends the Soviet Union, the union leader who is outside our ranks but defends Soviet international policy, is worth more than a thousand party members.”

HUAC, Annual Report, 1957, P. 2

WHAT MAKES FREDDY COOK?

Trying to understand a person's motives is always difficult but it makes for interesting speculation when the person concerned does things that are incomprehensible to most people. Why, for example, did Cook stand up before a TV camera and tell a nationwide audience a story that he later had to admit was a lie?

This pathetic performance had one touch of unconscious humor. Here was a fellow who had written a *Nation* “special” telling about things that were supposed to be wrong in the FBI. Presumably he was an expert on crime and skulduggery, yet he apparently lacked the elementary knowledge of his subject to know that he would surely be called on to substantiate his wild charge that city officials were trying to bribe him.

People looking for motives often assume that money is involved. This is unlikely in the case of Fred Cook. His books are not the kind that make authors rich, and *The Nation*, on the face of it, is a hand-to-mouth operation. (After all, *The Nation* isn't getting any of that wealth being tossed around by rich Texans!)

Presumably, Cook writes the sort of stuff he does because he likes to. It is possible that he believes what he writes, too.

One thing is certain—Cook has a special talent for writing the kind of stuff that appeals to the ultra-left, and this probably explains why *The Nation* repeatedly gives such prominence to his “specials.”

This can be understood if one considers the mentality of many who make up the lunatic leftist element in this country. Under a veneer of sophistication, usually microscopic in depth and acquired from a few of the right “courses” or from some “recommended reading,” these people are essentially simple. They like to see things in black and white—good guys and bad guys—and they have a way of looking for simple solutions to complex problems. It is also characteristic of these simple folk that they have a penchant for packaged thinking, so long as their mental pabulum is dispensed under acceptable labels.

To these mentally underprivileged, *The Nation* and *New Republic*, to cite just two, are labels that inspire trust. And even though the stuff in the container is the verbal equivalent of Chief Red Nose’s Old Kickapoo Balm, it is gulped down eagerly with nary a hiccup. After all, didn’t Professor Plotz recommend it? And didn’t the Rev. Mr. Jones say it would cure those dizzy spells?

Knowing that the people who are addicted to such stuff like to have things presented to them in black and white, writers of the Cook school oblige by using liberal quantities of chalk and charcoal. The Alger Hisses and the William Remingtons come up “whiter than white,” to quote a well known advertising phrase. Business men, generals and anti-communists are creatures of darkness.

Conflict between them is of course necessary, but the plot is always the same. Essentially as simple as the plot of a TV western, it apparently satisfies the readers. For, while they persist in taking a conspiratorial view of history, past, present and future, it would never do to confuse them with anything complicated.

The bad guys get together to plot some dastardly crime. The good guys try to prevent it but since the bad guys control everything, including even the marshal, it’s the good guys who get tossed in jail or lynched. “Good guys,” of course, by leftist standards.

SOUND RIDICULOUS? TRY READING IT SOMETIME.

What is difficult to understand is why the Democratic National Committee would mail such ridiculous ravings from such ridiculous sources to the radio and TV stations of this country.

Was it done out of a feeling of desperation, or fear of a “Conservative” revolution?

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Fred J. Cook’s customary writing style, at least when writing for *The Nation*, makes liberal use of innuendo, half-truths and distortions. There is also an apparent lack of originality, evident in the repetitious use of the cliches and hackneyed phrases that mark the literature of the left. However, this may be because Cook is aware that *Nation* readers have become conditioned to stereotypes and may be expected to react to them whereas a fresh or different idea might confuse them.

Intentionally or through carelessness Cook has a lamentable habit of identifying those he dislikes so that readers are likely to get a distorted picture of them. This is done through such devices as making the term “right-wingers” synonymous with “hatemongers” so that bona fide anti-communists emerge in the reader’s mind as vicious and unprincipled people, no different from those who actually do deal in hatred.

An interesting aspect of Cook’s work is the way in which he exploits its cash potential. An article becomes a book, and a major article is broken down into its component parts and peddled as separate entities. Much of the material in “Hate Clubs of the Air,” for instance, is highly reminiscent of his lengthier “The Ultras.” Of course there is nothing unethical about this but it is apparent that, like a smart meat packer, Cook wherever possible makes use of his by-products. Indeed, he goes Swift and Armour one better since even the squeals are used in his salami.

In a recent issue of *Counterattack*, the well known anti-communist newsletter, some of the shortcomings of "Hate Clubs on the Air" were discussed. Referring to Cook's mention of Dr. Howard Kershner, whose commentary on the news, produced by the Christian Freedom Foundation, is carried weekly on 362 stations, *Counterattack* cites an interesting bit of background. Dr. Kershner was in Moscow several years ago where he talked with an official of the Soviet Ministry of Culture in his office.

"In a handy bookcase," reported *Counterattack*, "the official showed Dr. Kershner a number of volumes written by American social planners. He boasted that the words in those books gave Soviet leadership absolute assurance that the United States would be led into the communist camp by people who dominate this nation's thinking."

Which explains why Dr. Kershner is doing his utmost to keep the American people from being misled, and why the misleaders are anxious to discredit Dr. Kershner.

Cook, according to *Counterattack*, erroneously identified Gene Scudder as a Life Line commentator from Washington. It has been a long time since Scudder broadcast out of Washington for the organization. Also, by merely calling him "a former federal employe," he glossed over the significant fact that Scudder is a former official of the FBI.

The Church League was mentioned in *Counterattack* as follows: "He [Cook] manages to speak calmly about The Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois, which has seventeen stations in eight states. But if the League continues to respond, as expected, to the enlightened and courageous leadership of Major Edgar Bundy the time may come when the coalition may wish to see Cook wringing his hands with more anguish over this and other resurgent manifestations of America's spiritual as well as patriotic rebirth. There was a time when the coalition thought its undercover agents had sabotaged the Church League of America."

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18 December 1964

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Department Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several days ago I sent you a copy of our letter addressed to the editor of TRUE magazine, which published Fred J. Cook's vicious attack on you in summary form.

Perhaps you have received one of the form letters of reply sent by Douglas S. Kennedy, Editor, to all those protesting TRUE's publishing of this scurrilous article. But, just in case you have not received it, enclosed please find a photocopy of the one we have received this morning.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Bundy

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Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

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TRUE
THE MAN'S MAGAZINE

67 West 44th Street New York 36, New York

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for informing TRUE about your reaction to our December book condensation, The FBI Nobody Knows by Fred J. Cook. We paid close attention to your letter, because we can only find out what our readers think of TRUE when they take the trouble to "talk back" to us in their letters.

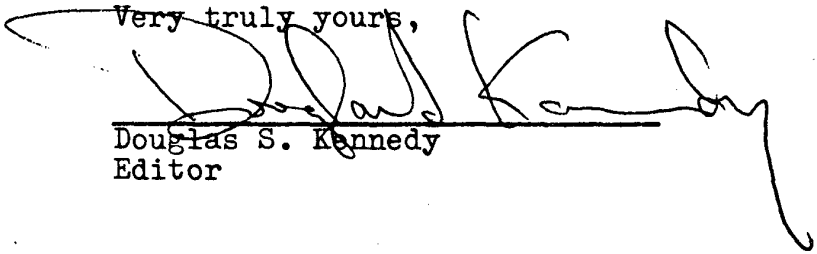
We believe that TRUE, an American magazine, serves and strengthens America by being ready and willing to subject Federal institutions to scrutiny. With "big government" getting bigger year by year, it is more important than ever that we remember that no government official or government agency can ever be "too big" to be criticized. That is an American tradition. A magazine or newspaper that fails to live up to that tradition is no better than the slavish publications on the other side of the Iron Curtain. Because the FBI plays such an important role in our national life, and because Mr. Cook's facts were well-documented and fully substantiated, we considered it in the public interest to print a condensation of his book.

By the same token, we have published the views of such notable conservatives as the late General Douglas MacArthur, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, Senator Barry Goldwater and Ralph de Toledano whose book, "The Greatest Plot in History", TRUE subtitled "How Russia Really Stole our Atom Secrets" and published in July, 1963. Surely you didn't protest when we published those men?

Another man named Hoover -- the late, respected President Herbert Hoover -- put it as well as we can: "Absolute freedom of the press to discuss public questions is a foundation stone of American liberty."

Thank you again for writing.

Very truly yours,


Douglas S. Kennedy
Editor

THE NO. 1 MAN'S MAGAZINE

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18 December 1964

Mr. Douglas S. Kennedy
Editor
TRUE Magazine
67 West 44th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

We did not expect a form letter in reply to our letter to you in regard to Fred J. Cook's article appearing in December TRUE; but, we can see that you have received so many letters of protest that you have had to put out a form letter, and have been unable to dictate personal replies because of the volume received.

However, your letter does not answer the documentation which we sent to you on Fred J. Cook's qualifications. We do not object to freedom of expression, but we believe it is only fair that you properly identify Mr. Cook so that your readers can evaluate better the contents of his article. This you did not do.

Trying to classify Mr. Cook's literary works with those of the late General Douglas MacArthur, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, Senator Barry Goldwater and Ralph de Toledano is spurious argument to say the least.

None of these men has been exposed as a public liar by the New York press, Newsweek Magazine and District Attorney Frank Hogan, as was done in Mr. Cook's case. None of these distinguished Americans has been fired from a major newspaper because of promoting falsehoods, and then taken a job with a mouthpiece of the Red conspiracy, whose editors have supported Red causes over a period of decades.

When you state that 'Mr. Cook's facts were well-documented and fully substantiated,' you are not stating the truth. Mr. Hoover exposed Mr. Cook's main source of attack before a committee of the United States Congress in detailed testimony. You failed to bring this to your readers' attention.

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Oftentimes the sins of omission are greater than
the sins of commission. You are guilty of both.

Very truly yours,

ECB/z

Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary

cc:
Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Dept. Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Edgar C. Bundy
Executive Secretary
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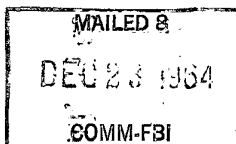
Dear Mr. Bundy:

Your letter of December 18th was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city. The enclosure was not received with your communication.

Mr. Hoover asked me to advise you that the large number of similar requests has made it necessary to adopt a matter of policy for a matter of declining to furnish our material. He regrets he cannot be of help but trusts you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



1 - Chicago - Enclosure

NOTE: Edgar C. Bundy is well known to the Bureau. He claims to have been a Major in the Air Force Intelligence and is a former Baptist Minister who lectures around the country on communism. He has been the subject of a closed impersonation case. We have observed a policy of being most circumspect in our dealings with this individual. Accordingly, it is felt that the above declination over Miss Gandy's signature is warranted.

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Publications Department
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Gentlemen:

We would appreciate being placed on your distribution list to receive those publications which are for public consumption, such as the Annual Report of the F.B.I. and letters to all law enforcement agencies.

Back issues for the last four years would be appreciated.

Enclosed is a brochure entitled, "What Is The Church League of America?", which tells of our work. We are most enthusiastic supporters of the F.B.I. and Mr. Hoover and have been for many years.

Very truly yours,

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February 11, 1965

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News and Special Events
Station WFTV
Post Office Box 5795
Orlando, Florida

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of February 4th.

With reference to your request, I regret that, in line with long-standing policy, I am unable to comment concerning the statement enclosed with your communication. I am sure that you can understand my position in such matters.

I appreciate your favorable remarks regarding my speeches, and it is good to know that you find them of newsworthy interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Tampa COMM-FBI Enclosure

NOTE: We have had good relations with [Redacted] In 1-62 he inquired concerning Major Bundy and SAC, Tampa, personally contacted [Redacted] that Bundy did not have access to confidential data through the Bureau. In 12-64, SAC, Tampa, advised that that office was considering using [Redacted] services in connection with counterintelligence activities against the Ku Klux Klan.

Bundy is the professional anticommunist who has consistently used quotations by the Director to further his own lecture campaign. The enclosure [Redacted] letter contains statements by Bundy in which he has quoted the Director; these quotations are from the 1962 Appropriation Testimony and are accurate.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This week Major Edgar C. Bundy, who was identified here in Orlando as an "authority on the Communist infiltration in the Western Hemisphere" spoke to a group of citizens under the sponsorship of a local minister's group known as "Citadel of Freedom."

Because Major Bundy chose to quote you in length, I thought you would be interested in his comments. I feel there were many innuendos in his statements, but naturally I don't expect you to comment unless you would care to comment on his remarks.

I would appreciate your comment, however, on that part of his speech quoting your answers to Congressman Cederberg. Particularly, since Major Bundy prefaced the testimony by saying "You don't find the related churches in the City of Orlando who criticize Dr. (Carl) McIntire or myself when we come to this city even letting their congregations know that this testimony is available. I think you can understand why after we read it."

I heard it and read it and can't understand why the churches in Orlando would be opposed to their congregations knowing such testimony is available.

On another subject, we have been receiving copies of your speeches and find them very newsworthy. Although we cannot quote from them in great length we do use portions in our news and editorial comments and discussions as they pertain to subjects of current interest in the news.

Sincerely, FEB 12 1965

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(MAJOR BUNDY)

"We are going to turn right to the man who for 47 years has been the director of this country's internal security -- namely, Mr. John Edgar Hoover - the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Now they may attack Mr. Hoover if they want. They may call him an extremist, an ultra-super-hyper-far-rightist -- but, Mr. Hoover, I think most Americans will agree, is a creditable source and most fair-minded Americans will stop, look and listen when this man talks about the state of this country's internal security.

Now you see, one of the things totalitarianism feeds on is ignorance. I've had thousands of refugees from behind the Iron Curtain come to me as a military intelligence officer and as head of the Church League of America, and they have sat down and talked with me and they said 'If we had had an FBI or a House Committee on Un-American Activities or a Senate Internal Security Committee in our countries to reveal to us those people within our midst who are working to destroy us and turn us over to the enemy from without. If we had had these revelations by such organizations our countries today would be free. But we were not told while it was happening, what was happening, and you Americans ought to thank God for an FBI, a House Committee on Un-American Activities and a Senate Internal Security Committee'."

(BUNDY CONTINUED)

"Might I say to you on the authority of the heads of these various organizations that I have mentioned that in the year 1965 all three are under the most vicious attack in the history of these organizations.

Now, Mr. Hoover annually appears before a committee of the ~~next~~ Congress which does not investigate Communism. It is the most powerful committee of the Congress called the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee -- because it appropriates all monies for the functioning of the Federal Government. What is Mr. Hoover doing before this committee annually? He is called upon to justify the request of the United States Justice Department, of which he is a department, or section, for increased operating funds for the running of the FBI. And before this committee of the Congress he gives some of the most powerful testimony on what's happening inside this country from the security standpoint which you

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would ever hope to read anywhere. But the tragedy is, that for some reason or other, the guardians of free expression, the public press, the national magazines, radio and television, do not seem to deem this testimony important enough to carry it to the American people. Only a few hundred copies of this testimony are printed because it's contained in a volume between 600 and 700 pages including testimony of the Department of Commerce, the Department of State, and other government related agencies asking for appropriations. These volumes are available only for Congressional staffs and the members of these committees and are not printed by the Government printing office for general distribution. The testimony of the FBI Director is kept under wraps until such a day as the Bill on appropriations comes up on the floor of the House for consideration and debate.

It may be that Mr. Hoover testifies in March or in April and the Bill may not come up for consideration until July or August of the same year. But when it is released the Church League of America receives two complete copies of this volume on the Appropriations Bill from two members of Congress -- one of whom is a Democrat from Florida and one of which is a Republican from the State of Michigan. We take the section of Mr. Hoover's testimony -- do not add a word or subtract a word -- rather we have it photographed on offset printing process by our printers and then distribute it all over the United States to those people who will stop, look and listen. We feel that we have to do the job that the responsible media of communications in this country is not doing.

Now, let's turn to Mr. Hoover's testimony given in 1961 on what is called the 1962 Appropriations Bill. Here it is:

(BUNDY QUOTES MR. HOOVER)

'Some 200 known or suspected Communist front and communist-infiltrated organizations are now under investigation by the FBI.'

(BUNDY ENDS QUOTE)

"Now, I'll interpose here to say that these are in addition to those that have already been investigated, and listed by government agencies...these are brand new."

(BUNDY QUOTES MR. HOOVER AGAIN)

"Many of these front are national in scope, with chapters

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in various cities throughout the United States. They represent transmission belts through which the Communist Party furthers its conspiratorial designs. They, the Communists have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity -- youth groups, radio, television, motion picture industries, church, school, educational and cultural groups, the press, nationality minority groups and civil and political units. Some celebrated, self-styled pacifists and some men of wealth and prominence have sometimes been unwitting, but sometimes knowing political skills and stooges of deceit for communist manipulators." (END OF QUOTE)

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"If you examine that paragraph in detail you will find that Mr. Hoover includes every major phase of American life as having already been penetrated by the Communist conspiracy. And, when he says the church has, he's not quoting from Carl McIntire. He is stating this as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Why is it then when Dr. McIntire makes this statement and quotes from this source that the liberals start smearing Dr. McIntire. They know better than to smear the Director of the FBI because there are millions of Americans who still have faith in him. It's much easier to smear someone who merely quotes Mr. Hoover than to smear Mr. Hoover himself.

Now one other portion from this '61 testimony -- it's on the National Council of Churches. You don't find the related churches in the City of Orlando who criticize Dr. McIntire or myself when we come to this city even letting their congregations know that this testimony is available. I think you can understand why after we read it."

(BUNDY QUOTES CONGRESSMAN CEDERBERG)

'Mr. Director, I just wonder if you can give any explanation as to why so many organizations - I do not hesitate to name one of them - the National Council of Churches -- why are some of the hierarchy of these organizations so naive to the threat posed by Communism in this country?'

(BUNDY QUOTES MR. HOOVER'S REPLY)

'Mr. Congressman, I think it is due to the fact that they have not fully informed themselves as to what the facts are. Many people have the idea that communism is not a serious threat because the movement is numerically small in this country. Its numerical strength is one thing but we must judge it by its fanatical, dedicated and disciplined membership. Most non-Communists are not disciplined, fanatical believers in the theoretical practice of American Democracy as are the Communists in Communism. That is the reason why some of these people err

(BUNDY QUOTES MR. HOOVER'S REPLY CONTINUED)

in their thinking. Such erroneous thinking often results in a great deal of harm. Particularly in many organizations where the practice is followed of having the rank and file elect delegates to represent them at conventions without exhibiting a sufficient degree of alertness to determine the beliefs of their chosen representatives.'

(END OF BUNDY QUOTING MR. HOOVER)

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